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LITERATURE

The Sonnet: its Origin, &c. By Charles Tomlinson, F.R.S. (Murray.)

AFTER more than a century of neglect, the sonnet, revived by Wordsworth, has again come into fashion in this country, more especially among that school of poets to whom the Renaissance represents all that is best in art. At the same time it is curious to observe how far the principles of this most elaborate form of poetry are from being thoroughly understood. Many persons are still of the opinion that aothing is essential to the composition of a true sonnet save the expression of one thought in fourteen lines—a delusion of which our readers will find a good example in the current number of Macmillan's Magazine, which contains a pretty little poem, called a sonnet, and consisting, doubtless, of the orthodox number of lines. But an analysis of the rhymes will show how little the writer has grasped the first principles of the metre. They run as follows, taking Mr. Tomlinson's method of notation:—

the relation of the quatrains and tercets being thus entirely ignored. What this should be is not difficult to see after a short study of any good writer, such as Dante and Petrarch among Italians, or Milton among Englishmen. We disregard the Elizabethan sonnetteers, for reasons which will appear. The true sonnet, then, falls into two parts, of eight and six lines respectively, each of which has also its division, the first into two quatrains or basi, the second into two tercets or volte. The law governing the rhymes may be thus stated: the quatrains should contain two only, which may follow any order of arrangement, provided that (1) not more than two consecutive lines end with the same sound, (2) the first two and last two lines never rhyme together. The tercets admit of more licence. They may contain either two or three rhymes, arranged on any plan save that which involves the ending of the sonnet with a couplet. This last law is, as far as we know, never violated by Dante (the fourteen-line poem in section xxviii. of the 'Vita Nuova' is called expressly by him the beginning of a "canzone"), twice only by Petrarch, and once (in his English sonnets) by Milton. Spenser, Shakspeare, Drummond, Daniel, and all other sixteenth-century English writers, on the other hand, adopt invariably this terminal couplet, which, by giving, as it were, an epigrammatic point, destroys completely the character of the true sonnet, the real nature of which has been thus expressed :- "The subject should be set forth in the first, and illustrated in the second, quatrain; confirmed by the first tercet, and concluded in the last. Its close, without being epigrammatical, should artfully wind up the subject with some striking thought or expression." When all these restrictions are considered, and, moreover, as Boileau says,-

"Que nul mot déjà mis osat s'y remontrer," it will be easily seen that Bembo's desk with forty divisions, in each of which the sonnet had to undergo a fresh polishing, was hardly superfluous, nor will it be thought wonderful that Petrarch's fame should rest upon compositions produced at the rate of about fifty lines in a year.

The question of the origin of the sonnet apears to us somewhat superfluous. It matters little whether it first came from Sicily or Provence. The involution of the rhymes would seem to imply that it descends lineally from the canzone; and the passage of the 'Vita Nuova,' to which we have already referred, wherein Dante says that not being able to express his thought in the limits of a sonnet, he began a canzone (the first member of which consists of fourteen lines, arranged much like the Spenserian sonnet), seems to show that he regarded the two as of a kindred nature. Certainly the sonnet was "in use as early as 1321," as Mr. Tomlinson,—quoting, we suspect, from an article which appeared not long ago in the Quarterly Review, and forgetting, apparently, that that was the year of Dante's death, thinks it necessary to inform us. Considering that he immediately mentions Guittone d'Arezzo, who was one of the antichi when Guido Guinicelli was new in Purgatory, and who certainly wrote sonnets about 1250, Mr. Tomlinson's slip is still more curious. We must rest content, we think, with the knowledge that the sonnet is a legacy to us from the marvellous thirteenth century, and waste no more time in inquiring into the actual circumstances of its birth.

However it first arose, there seems little doubt that, no less than the ballata and the canzone, the sonnet was originally adapted to music; though it is of the former of these kindred forms of verse that, as Mr. Tomlinson tells us, a specimen exists, inscribed with "Casella diede il sono," as he did to Dante's "Amor che nella mente mi ragiona."

The greater part of Mr. Tomlinson's book is taken up with criticisms on Petrarch, and his own views on translation, accompanied with specimens of his own work as a translator. Of the first, we have little to say, except that he has borrowed a good deal from Ugo Foscolo, with less acknowledgment than is usual among those with whom criticism of this kind is a business instead of a relaxation. We would note one rather amusing instance, where he somewhat reprehends Foscolo for "supposing that only two or three passages in Petrarch can be traced back to a classical source," and then proceeds to give a few instances, every one of which, without exception, is to be found in Foscolo's essay.

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We cannot go at any length into a comparison of Mr. Tomlinson's translations with those of others who have tried their hands at this difficult task; but we may say that he appears to us to be not unsuccessful. He is usually very faithful, though we cannot agree with his statement, that "almost every Italian scholar would translate" "Così incomincio" by "So that I begin." We object, too, to his rendering, in one of our favourite sonnets, "Madonna passò" by "My Lady went to swell that bright array," an expansion which, occurring in another person's translation, he would be one of the first to blame; and we would suggest that in the preceding line, "cittadini" might as well have been rendered by the usual

word "citizens" instead of the ugly "denizens." In his rendering of Dante's perfect sonnet, "Negli occhi porta," he is less successful than usual; the fourth and fifth lines especially being poor. "And conscious of his own defects, he sighs," is a very prosaic substitute for "E d'ogni suo peccato allor sospira." As a fair specimen of his merits, and for comparison with a translator who is generally regarded as having caught the spirit of Petrarch not inadequately, we will give Mr. Tomlinson's and Lady Dacre's renderings of Sonnet ccxxxviii., "Se lamentar augelli." It will be seen, we think, that if the earlier translator has, perhaps, more poetical feeling, Mr. Tomlinson clearly excels in accuracy. His version is as follows:—

What time birds pipe their plaint, and ever y tree
Its green arms rustles in the summer air,
And on the fresh and flowery banks, to me
Comes the hoarse murmur of the waters clear:
Pensive, I write of Love, while seated here:
And her whom Heaven once showed, earth-hid
[qu. earth hid], I see;
I feel her living yet; though distant, near,
And answering all my sighs in sympathy.
I hear her pitying words—"Why thus in woe
So prematurely waste thy life, and why
Cause from thine eyes that piteous stream to flow
Weep not for me—I dying did not die;
I only seemed to close mine eyes, for know
I opened them in heaven's own light on high."
Lady Dacre:—

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If the lorn bird complain, or rustling sweep
Soft summer airs o'er foliage waving slow,
Or the hoarse brook come murmuring down the

Or the hoarse brook come murmuring down the steep, Where on the enamel'd bank, I sit below

With thoughts of love that bid my numbers flow;
"Tis then I see her, though in earth she sleep!
Her, formed in Heaven! I see, and hear, and know!

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Responsive sighing, weeping as I weep:

"Alas!" she pitying says, "ere yet the hour

Why hurry life away with swifter flight?

Why from thine eyes this flood of sorrow pour?

No longer mourn my fate! through death my days

Become Eternal! to Eternal light

Those eyes which seemed in darkness closed. I

Those eyes which seemed in darkness closed, I raise."

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We have left ourselves no space to speak of either German or French sonnets. Neither nation can be said to have adopted this style of composition with any great affection, and such specimens as we possess do not seem to show that their writers understood its principles. With Heine, for instance, it is made the vehicle for banter; while Regnier seems to regard it as appropriate to piety. The English sonnet, though no true sonnet, has its own merits; and both Spaniards and Portuguese have gone near to the true Italian workmanship; but elsewhere we may look in vain. In our own time, Mr. Rossetti, in virtue, perhaps, of his Italian blood, has written sonnets perfectly genuine in form, if not equal to those of older writers in matter.

To return once more to Mr. Tomlinson, though not to the sonnet. As a student of Petrarch, and to some extent, probably, of Dante, we wonder that he should have failed to see that the "terzo cerchio" of the 161st sonnet is also that to which he elsewhere alludes,—

Ma ben ti prego, che in la terza spera Guitton saluti, e Messer Cino, e Dante, namely, that in which Dante himself places those who lived under the rule of Petrarch's master, Love—the third circle of the heavens, the circle of Venus.

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L'Art dans la Parure, Par M. Charles Blanc. (Paris, Renouard.)

M. Louis Blanc's brother, as well known in the world of art as is his brother in the world of politics, has just re-issued his lectures on costume in the form of a handsome illustrated volume. The ex-directeur des Beaux Arts seems to contemplate a great work on the grammar of ornament, of which the present will form the first part. After a somewhat tedious introduction on ornament in general, in which the author attaches an exaggerated importance to the principle of symmetry, he dashes into his subject and writes with great charm on colour, bonnets, gowns, jewellery, and lace. Symmetry is his evil genius; he even contends that the incroyables were right in wearing a watch-chain at each fob, instead of one only, forgetting the real reason, which was that in days of doubt, and in days of imperfect watches, the two watches were consulted to-gether, and a mean struck between their

It seems odd to us in England to find a member of the Institut of France discussing in detail the principle of the ruche and of the basque; but the results are so admirable that we cannot but wish that Mr. Leighton, whose talents in the same quarter are well known, would, for the sake of English women, give the world the result of his meditations and

experiments.

M. Charles Blanc says with truth, that at a time when greater interest is taken in decorative art in general than was ever before the case, it is strange that we forget "the most worthy subject of ornamentation,"—man,—or woman. "Read," he exclaims, "a list of the decorative arts. What do you find;—gold-smith's work, pottery, wood carving, ivory carving, the engraving of metal, carpet-weaving, jewellery, glass-making, enamelling, mosaic-making, bronze-making, binding,—but never hair-dressing, or dress-making; as though as much taste were not needed to dress hair with grace, to choose stuff, and to adapt its form and colours to living beauty, as to bind a book or to sketch a pavement." He divides accord-ingly his work into three parts, of which we have the first before us :- 1. Ornament applied to the human form; 2. To houses; 3. To towns and public buildings. While we agree with M. Charles Blanc's illustrations and like his book, we can hardly assent to all his principles, and we think that there is one grand reason why the decoration of the person cannot be treated on the same plan as decorative art in general. It is, that the art of the decoration of the human person is the art of concealing defects. M. Blanc, who is a master of his subject, knows this better than we do. His very first chapter, when he really enters on his subject, is on the effect of the vertical and of the horizontal systems of lines on dress, to heighten or to shorten the figure, or, in other words, to correct defects. Given the difficulties which our author has imposed upon himself by a pseudo-scientific manner of treating his subject, we have nothing but praise for the volume itself. The chapters on colour are perfect, although the practical recommen-dations are not new. Every dark beauty knows that she can make herself diabolically perfect by a tiger suit of black and yellow.

Every flaxen woman knows that nothing suits her so well as black velvet.

Hair-dressing is a branch of his subject which M. Blanc thoroughly understands. The very heading of the chapter is a valuable precept in these days, when society suffers the tyranny of "M. Auguste," who, whatever he preaches, in practice makes all women dress their hair alike. "La coiffure des femmes doit varier dans ses lignes, ses couleurs et son caractère, suivant la conformation de la tête, le profil, le teint, et l'âge de la personne." After quoting Ovid and discussing the subject of hair at length, M. Charles Blanc comes to bonnets, and has the courage to present his readers with two cuts, called respectively "extrême sévérité dans la coif-fure" and "extrême coquetterie dans la coiffure," of which the former represents a sister of charity, and the latter an effrontée, with a bonnet of velvet, feathers, and flowers. M. Charles Blanc says that history shows that bonnets are large "when religion is the fashion," as, for instance, under the restoration. In respect of bonnets, our author is in love with the diadem of feathers, in which opinion we agree with him.

Coming from the head to the body, M. Charles Blanc pronounces against large white shirt-fronts too strongly, as we think, inasmuch as they thoroughly suit some men,—but he looks at them with the painter's eye. After sighing over the folly of hiding the handsome boot with the hideous trouser, and praying for the return of Hessians, he explains that the uniformity of modern male dress he looks on as a natural expression of the principle of equality before the law established by the revolution. In woman's dress our author most justly attaches enormous importance to the sleeves; but he does not discuss the sleeveless evening gown, now often worn, although, from the general tenor of his remarks, we imagine that he would approve it, in the case of those who

have pretty arms.

Here is M. Charles Blanc's moral:

"L'art suprême consiste à ne jamais confondre le moyen avec le but; c'est-à-dire à s'arranger de manière que l'attention du spectateur, en se portant sur leur toilette, s'arrête à leur personne, et qu'ainsi la parure ne serve qu'à faire admirer la femme parée. On entend dire souvent: 'Nous avons vu de jolies toilettes.'. Eh bien, si les habiles faiseuses avaient été encore plus habiles, on dirait: 'Nous avons vu de jolies femmes.'"

Here, too, is his conclusion :-

"Loin d'être un sujet d'observations frivoles, le vêtement et la parure sont pour le philosophe une indication morale et un signe des idées régnantes."

There is a wicked story, well known in Paris, which relates that one of the famous brothers—we will not say whether M. Charles Blanc or M. Louis Blanc—when asked who wrote the best French style of all modern writers, replied "My brother."—"But, after your brother?"—"I do." The modesty of the brothers contradicts the story in its form, but we cannot but admit its essential truth: M. Charles Blanc's French is as pure and as elegant as is his brother's.

The Last Journals of David Livingstone, Edited by the Rev. H. Waller. With Map and Illustrations, 2 vols. (Murray.) (Second Notice.)

LAST week we gave some account of Dr. Livingstone's explorations and discoveries from 1866 to 1873, and described his painful but glorious death. We shall now say a few words respecting his general career, which is quite unexampled in the annals of African travel. His position among explorers is that of Shakspeare among dramatists. Bruce, Mungo Park, Caillié, Denham, Clapperton, and the Landers; Barth, Rohlfs, and Nachtigal; Burton, Speke, Baker, and Schweinfurth; all these illustrious men made campaigns in Central Africa, but Livingstone spent nearly thirty years of his life in that country, and nearly twenty in active explora-Other travellers have died in Africa; he did more, he lived in it. Like the Romans, he inhabited the countries which he conquered. The others travelled as strangers in the land; we find them always pushing on towards a certain point, chafing at the slightest delay, cursing the slowness of carriers and the obstructiveness of chiefs, resolved not to yield till their task should be accomplished, yet inwardly longing to return, and disgusted with the country and its people. But Livingstone travelled as the Africans travel, making short journeys, resting a day here, a day there, and when he comes to good quarters remaining a considerable time; for he was accustomed to regard Africa as his home. There he had married and his children were born; there was his parsonage hut, and his black, half-naked congregation. When he gave up the missionary life and became an explorer, taking all Africa as his parish, he felt no desire to escape from the wilds to civilized society. It was in England that he suffered from nostalgia. Much of his happiness was due to the fact that he was not, like most other travellers, unable to converse with the natives of the country except through an interpreter. His perfect knowledge of the Sichuana tongue enabled him to acquire other native languages with facility; and as the Africans possess the gift of conversation, he found everywhere sources of amusement and interest. When his men were discontented on account of bad fare, or feared the reputed dangers of the road, he called them together, and sat down among them on the ground, and reasoned with them gently and kindly, until he had produced the desired effect. There is something patriarchal in the constitution of the Caravan. Its leader is the father of his people and their king. He makes laws and administers justice; he is responsible for the actions of his men, precisely as if they were his children or his slaves; while they are bound to him by the same ties as those which unite them at home to their chief. This primitive life has its charms; and the progress of the white man through an untravelled country resembles a fête. The people crowd about him in reverence and awe; they inquire whether he is a man or a demigod-for the demigods or demons in Africa are white. The sick lie down in his shadow to be cured; the young women ask permission to touch his strange skin or his wonderful hair, and, when they obtain their request, utter little shricks, half in fear and half in merriment. Children gather around him, the

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boys, bold and confident, putting out their hands for him to shake, sitting down upon his knee; the little girls standing at a distance, staring with amazement, and running away when his eyes meet theirs. The old men receive him with calmness and dignity, and, raising their withered hands, thank God for having allowed them to see a white man before they die. This is only one side of the picture, it is true; sometimes the natives are so affectionate that they will not allow the white man to go away till they have received certain keepsakes and souvenirs in the shape of cloth and tobacco. But such hindrances and vexations heighten the enjoyments of discovery. And these enjoyments are not to be despised. It is a supreme pleasure to reach a long-soughtfor end; to tread untrodden ground; to be able to say, "This country is mine"; to climb mountains, not knowing what may be beyond; to navigate mysterious waters; to meditate on glory laboriously earned; to give new rivers and lakes, like children, the names of beloved friends, who thus also obtain fame and immor-

Livingstone has rendered it impossible that there should be such another as himself. When he was a young man, as little was known of Central Africa as is now known of the regions round the North Pole. It was the popular theory, as he tells us himself, that it was an uninhabited wilderness; but when crossing the Great Kalahari Desert, which had repelled all his predecessors, he reached Lake Ngami and the banks of the Zambesi; when he made his marvellous journey to Angola, and then right back across the continent from the Atlantic to the Indian Ocean, geographers were enabled to define Central Africa as a fertile plateau, with great lakes lying in basins, and rivers escaping to the sea through gorges or ravines in the mountain walls. Livingstone's actual discoveries have laid bare a continent to view; but it is impossible to estimate the precise value of that impulse which he has given to the cause of exploration in Europe

To take the sun in that mirror of mercury which is called the artificial horizon, or to obtain one's position by the stars, requires a dexterous adjustment of the hand and the eye, and, like shooting, is something of a gift. It is said that Livingstone was not a good astronomical observer; but he certainly was most industrious, and never lost an opportunity of fixing his position. Of his merits as a writer not much can be said; but it must be remembered that during his first sixteen years in Africa he had almost lost the habit of English composition, and was also embarrassed when he came home by the abundance of his materials. Under these circumstances, it appears to us that his 'Missionary Travels' is a laudable production even in a literary sense, and it is certainly more readable than the six volumes of Bruce, who was a scholar and a man of the world, or the five volumes of the learned Barth. But we do not intend to conceal the defects of his character. He was not a cultivated man; his ideas on many subjects were narrow and small; he had a Caffre-like fancy for wearing a gold-laced cap, whether he was in Pall Mall or on the shores of Lake Tanganyika; it was proved in the Zambesi Expedition that he could not get on with Europeans as fellow-travellers; the least imputation

against his latitudes and longitudes made him frantic with rage, or rankled in his mind; he would hoard up a geographical grudge for years, and then launch it forth in a despatch to the Foreign Office. But no one is perfect, and sweetness of temper is not a virtue of African travellers. Livingstone's friendships were warm and enduring for all whose friendship was sincere. He had known Young when he was a lad; Oswell and Webb were companions of his missionary days. He never paraded that affection for his family which s so amply revealed in his private diary. He did much for the cause of humanity. It was an impulse of true enthusiasm which made him become a missionary, and he loved the people for whom he laboured and with whom he lived. His ardent sympathy with their sorrows, his voice crying from the wilderness, has stirred up a new abolition movement, which will not die away till the East African slave trade has been suppressed. That stern, hard-featured man had a tender heart, as is shown by the book that is before us: from homely sentence and awkward phrase there rises a divine spirit of compassion. To the last he mourns the woes of Africa. Then comes the sublime record of his own sufferings and of his undaunted resolution. There are few, we believe, who will read this work without being strengthened and improved, for it is not only the African explorer who can profit by Livingstone's example. Here was one who strove to increase the knowledge of mankind, and to succour the oppressed. The man of work and the philanthropist are both benefactors of their species; but that is the best life in which the qualities of each are displayed; and such, with all its failings and faults, was the life of Livingstone.

OFFICIAL PHILOLOGY.

Specimens of the Languages of India, including those of the Aboriginal Tribes of Bengal, the Central Provinces, and the Eastern Frontier. With a Preface by Sir George Campbell. (Calcutta, Printed at the Bengal Secretariat Press.)

This is at once the most important and the most unsatisfactory work which has been issued by the Government Press of Calcutta for many a long year. It is important, because several of the contributors to its pages are men of undoubted learning and literary reputation, and because the editor, Sir George Campbell, bears such a deservedly high name amongst Indian politicians. Besides, the nature of the subject treated of in the work, and the fact that the book comes before the public as one which has merited, to some extent, at least, the distinguished patronage of the Indian Government, render it important. But it is unsatisfactory from almost every point of view. As a whole, it is a tissue of blunders. It is badly arranged; and so badly edited, that it would hardly be wrong to say that it has not been edited at all. The vocabularies furnished in it are worse than worthless; if merely worthless, we should not take the trouble to notice them, but they proceed collectively from a high source, and they are thus only too apt to mislead. As yet but a few copies of this curious Indian Blue-book have, as far as we know, reached London.

We trust that it will continue to be a rare work in England

work in England. Sir George Campbell's "omnivorous energy" was a household word in India; and this work must be regarded as one of the fruits of that energy. The ambitious nature of the book before us will best be realized when we mention that it contains tabulated vocabularies of no less than one hundred and twenty-eight Indian languages and dialects! Sir George Campbell prefixes to the work a few introductory remarks, informing us of the sources from which he obtained these vicabularies. They were chiefly obtained, it appears, from leading government officials in various parts of India. Unfortunately, it is evident that many of these officials are comparatively, and to a greater or less extent, ignorant of the languages about which they furnish particulars. Sir George Campbell might, in many cases we could mention, have secured competent non-official scholars to do the work required. However, the list of persons assisting in the work contains several names of the greatest weight. The contributions, for instance, from the pens of Col. Dalton, Capt. Lewin, and the Sonthal scholar, Mr. Skrefsrud, are of the highest value, though spoilt as much as they well can be by the slovenly editing of the book. Even Mr. Skrefsrud's name is mis-spelt! The whole work is thus a strange patchwork of learning and ignorance. This fact must, of course, render it extremely dangerous to the unwary student, who, seeing that several distinguished scholars have supplied certain vocabularies, may imagine that the other vocabularies are also trustworthy. A little examination, however, will reveal to any one the real character of the work. Before going further, we will place one most patent example before the reader—an example which it will require no scholarship of any kind whatever to appreciate. From page 2 to 21 the Assamese dialect is compared with Hindi, Bengali, &c. By a curiously fatal oversight, Assamese is again introduced, by being compared (p. 168 to 181) with other languages, such as Ahom, Khampti, &c. We thus have an opportunity of examining two vocabularies of the Assamese language in different parts of the same book, and, mirabile dictu! we find words spelt differently, diacritical marks tossed about at haphazard, verbs differing in their tenses and nouns in their cases, and whole sentences differing one from the other in innumerable ways. Let us give a few instances:—"I go" is rendered Moi jao (p. 17) and May jao (p. 178); "going"=jao, gai, jain (p. 17), and jam (p. 178); "walk before me"=mor agate fur (p. 176); "walk before me"=mor agate fur (p. 19), and mor agate phur (p. 180); "what is your name?"=tumar nam ki? or tumar ki nao? (p. 17), and tor ki nam? (p. 178); "I shall be"=Mai hauni (p. 15) and May ham (p. 176); "I may be"=Mai habaparu (p. 15) and May habo paro (p. 176); "put the saddle upon his back"=tar pithete talisa baudha, or jinta paro, or de (p. 19), and Jinkhan tar pithat de (p. 178). Were it necessary, we might quote a score more instances. It is plain that Sir George Campbell owes the

two vocabularies of Assamese to two different

persons, who differ considerably one from the

other as to the notions they severally entertain

concerning the language. Of course, one only can be right; but what must be thought of

the editing of a book which permits, without the slightest attempt at explanation, two such contradictory accounts of the same language to appear with equal authority in

two different parts of it?

If one part of this work is worse than another, it is the Dravidian portion. George Campbell lets us know in his Preface that he is "indebted" to Mr. Dalyell, the Madras civilian, for the vocabularies forming this part of the book. The debt is a peculiar one. There is scarcely a mistake which Mr. Dalyell could have committed which he has not committed. His knowledge of Tamil is apparently so slight that he does not know that annan means an elder brother, tambi, a younger brother, akkâl, an elder sister, tangachi, a younger sister, &c. Mr. Dalyell's vocabularies are, indeed, perhaps mainly remarkable for the goodly crop of asterisks which express his avowed ignorance of the Dravidian equivalents for the most ordinary English terms! Worse still, when Mr. Dalyell does not know a simple word of pure Dravidian stock, denoting some common object, he sometimes substitutes for it, in the vocabulary, any Sanskrit equivalent on which he happens to lay hands. For instance, he gives kumårathi, a word of Sanskrit origin, as representing "daughter" in Tamil, when he might have given the pure Dravidian word, magal. For this, and many other reasons, the lists of words laid before us by Sir George Campbell are, we fear, worse than worthless. They are not only imperfect in themselves, but absolutely They are not misleading. They are tabulated in a certain manner in order that they may be useful for purposes of comparison; but how can an accurate comparison be instituted between two objects, each of which is itself distorted? The vocabularies are also strangely defective in their arrangement. Why should Panjabi, Brahui, and the language of Cashmeer be compared together, instead of comparing Panjabi with Sindhi, Gujarati, Mahrathi, and other Aryan vernaculars, and Brahui with Gond and other Dravidian dialects, seeing that so large an element of Dravidian enters into its composition? Isolated blunders are so frequent in this book, that we need mention only one example. Assamese, according to Sir George Campbell, is one of the "principal Aryan languages of India" (vide heading of pages from 2 to 21). In reality, it is but a dialect of Bengali, and, as such, is greatly inferior in importance to the seven chief Indian-Aryan vernaculars. In studying the lists of words in these vocabularies, the pronunciation of those words can only be faintly guessed at by the most painstaking reader. Each contributor has spelt his words as has seemed right in his own eyes, and there has not been the faintest attempt by the editor to obtain anything like unanimity in the orthography of the book. I, i, i, and ee are evidently interchangeable in these pages, as are also u, ú, and ú, and oo. As for the diacritical marks, the less said about them the better. Turning over the pages of the book, curious facts are brought to the notice of the reader. For instance, the numeral 30 has, seemingly, no equivalent in Punjabi, and he-goats and shegoats appear to be unknown in the Land of the Five Rivers! On the Cachar frontier the people appear to have a word for "before," but not one for "behind"; and the Sonthals of the

Pergunnas have no word for the "deer," which, we believe, they frequently hunt. It not only appears that there are no "cultivators" in Manipuri, but that there is not a single "man" or "woman" in Singpho! The lastmentioned interesting fact also seemingly applies to Khampti. We are also led to believe that in the Seoni tribe of Gonds there are "fathers," but no "mothers"! This is also the case in Nagpur; whilst in Sagar there is no "water" and no "house"! It is, indeed, wonderful how many strange facts may be learnt by a student of such a book as this! We cannot imagine what good is likely to result from its publication. Indian Blue-Books cost a great deal of money, and are frequently poor productions; but we never came across one so pretentious and so useless

Sir George Campbell, before issuing the work, seems to have entertained a suspicion that all was not right. In his Preface, therefore, he tries to disarm criticism. For instance, he writes :- "Collected as these specimens chiefly have been by working officers burdened with many duties, and without any prescribed system of transliteration or spelling, it is probable that most of them cannot pretend to scientific accuracy; but I have sought to make up for this by the number and variety of specimens of the less-known languages, by which the various dialects may be compared, and the forms may be checked and ascertained. It has also been impossible to examine them critically in passing through the press. hope is, that the abundant raw materials thus afforded will afford ample scope for the work of the scientific philologist." With reference to this, we have to ask, in the first place, why was the work of collecting specimens of lan-guages required of officials incompetent to fulfil the task creditably, when non-official scholars would everywhere have willingly tendered their aid if asked? Secondly, why should no "system of transliteration" have been "prescribed"? Thirdly, how can the furnishing of specimens of less-known Indian languages make up for the glaring defects in the furnishing of specimens of well-known languages; and how can the former be credited when the latter are so conspicuously faulty? Fourthly, what prevented Sir George Campbell from himself "examining" the specimens "critically" before passing them through the press,—and why, if he could not himself do so necessary a work, could not a competent scholar have been employed to perform it? And, lastly, what is meant by "raw material," when what we complain of is that the material furnished has been clumsily handled and spoilt in the manufacture? The "raw material" of words spelt properly, nouns in their proper cases, and verbs in their proper tenses, was just what was wanted by the philologist, and just what is not afforded in this book. We feel that, on behalf of Oriental philological research, a clear and outspoken protest should go forth against such a work as this. With a little care and judicious forethought the book might have proved of immense value. now simply as mischievous as it is pretentious. Sir G. Campbell has rendered great services to India. He owns a spotless name, and he has won the highest political laurels in the East. He is universally respected; his opinions carry

weight; and the fruits of his proverbial energy will long remain as a blessing in the land in which so lately he was a lieutenant. governor. Amongst his many services, philologists themselves will not forget his contributions twenty-four years ago to Indian ethnology, when he first invented - or, at least, gave wide currency to—the accurate and apt term "Kolarian." But all these considerations must not be allowed to stand in our way whilst, simply in the interests of literature, we raise our voice against the book before us.

NOVELS OF THE WEEK,

A Rambling Story. By Mary Cowden Clarke, 2 vols. (Grant & Co.)

In Love and in Hate. Brothers.)

Robert Grierson. By C. W. Kinloch. 2 vols. (Morgan & Hebron.)

As Innocent as a Baby. 3 vols. (Bentley & Son.)

A VERY rambling story is that which Mrs. Cowden Clarke tells us. A gentleman who appears to be living, and not at all in extreme old age, at the present time, and who yet remembers the time when young men drove their curricles and old men called themselves "roaring blades," who also, at about the same time, went for a walking tour in Switzerland, and got captured by brigands in Tuscany, must certainly have seen more rambling than most people. He is an artist, who falls in love more or less with two feminine ideals at the same time, one of whom he has once seen, while he is constantly hearing of the other. Of course they ultimately turn out to be one and the same person; and it also turns out that she has not, as he has feared, been in love with his most intimate friend. He has, on one occasion, found this friend's name on the fair unknown's blotting-paper, when prying where he had no business, and when he finds that the lady of the blotting-paper is also the lady of his affections, he is naturally somewhat disturbed. But when it turns out that she, too, has been under a misconception as to the respective names of the two friends, the difficulty is cleared up in a way which is more flattering than if it had never arisen. So they get rather surreptitiously married, for, of course, there is an inconvenient guardian, at Venice, and, except for a short interlude, in which the bride is carried off by a profligate baronet, they live happily ever afterwards. The story is slight and conventional enough, and, at the same time, somewhat improbable. There is no particular art shown in the development of character, or anything of that sort; but the story is nicely told, and will, doubtless, please those who like their novels to be pretty full of exciting incidents, to give no trouble of thinking, and to end with the triumph of the good, and the discomfiture of the bad characters.

Fiction and falsehood are not necessarily convertible terms, though historical novelists, θέσιν φυλάττοντες, are liable so to regard them. We should have been inclined to think the writer of 'In Love and in Hate,' a title which seems to indicate the feeling with which the two parties to the late war are approached by her, belonged to this impulsive class of partisans, were we not assured, from internal evi-

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partial evidence, that the book has been written from supernatural sources of information. For not only is the writer enabled to assure us of the truth of every accusation alleged by the defeated nation of 1870, against their conquerors, but to correct many of the material facts of a history just four years old, to report with accuracy the private conversations of deliberating warriors and statesmen, and even to set before us the exact train of thought which passed through Prince Bismarck's mind as he descended the stairs from his momentous interview with the Emperor Napoleon at Sedan. We may surely suffer one so exceptionally gifted to instruct us on many points of which we were imperfectly informed. For the courage and conduct of the Germans, it is clear that nothing can be said. Every victory won by them was a matter of the purest luck, and redounded to the eternal glory of the defeated party. But while we cannot sufficiently deplore the wickedness of these barbarians, as exemplified not only in their audacity in invading France, which is as remarkable as their uniform cowardice on individual occasions, but in the smaller matter of clockstealing, and profane swearing by "der Teufel," we are much cheered by the conduct of the heroes of this story, who under the darkness of the night wreak a just vengeance on the hated foe. With the assistance of the gallant Mike Mahony, whose nationality, principally indicated by his use of the expletive "be japers," which we take to be an equivalent for the Teutonic blasphemy "der Teufel," may have rendered his co-operation the more valuable, and occasionally, with the aid of a few more kindred spirits, Michel Voss, the Alsatian, goes his rounds, here stabbing a sentry in the dark, there dropping another by a picket fire, and now and then, in broad day, from some favourite covert, emptying the saddle of a reconnoitring Uhlan. These exploits are told with much vivacity, and we become thoroughly en rapport with the writer's enthusiasm. The reader will, no doubt, share also our astonishment when we learn that the Sergeant, on falling into the hands of the enemy at Le Bourget, is not only not received by them in a chivalric spirit, but actually is in some danger of being executed as a felon! The pedantic Germans, however, are scrupulous in the matter of evidence, though incapable of appreciating a hero of romance. So Sergeant Voss, though, by his short commons and bad lodging, thoroughly confirmed in his mean opinion of the enemy, escapes the fate which threatens him. In the darker ages of the Peninsular War, if old soldiers may be trusted, he would not have got off so easily. Indeed, we believe the brutal warriors of a less enlightened era would have scouted, as in the last degree disgraceful, a slaughter which was perfectly useless. It perhaps requires a little intellectual agility, after a sympathetic study of M. Voss, to get ourselves into the proper spirit for denouncing the deeds of the Commune. Yet, following our inspired guide, we shall find ourselves equal to the attempt. If we have, as we should have by this time, no doubt as to the accuracy of the facts so clearly laid before us, we shall find the solution in regarding deeds of violence not as reprehensible, or otherwise, in themselves, but relatively to the politics or nationality of those who commit them, and shall readily perceive

that what would be laudable in a franc-tireur deserves, if perpetrated by a German or a Communard, the detestation of humanity. To conclude, there is a good deal made of the ambulance business, some interesting references to devoted priests and women, and the spirit of religion is frequently invoked by the author.

Mr. Kinloch's story is harmless and somewhat dull. From the Preface we learn that its basis is the incident of Robert Grierson's recovery from idiocy, a result brought about through the affectionate assiduity of a young girl, whom he afterwards marries. This anecdote, said to be based on fact, is of a sufficiently uncommon character, had it been skilfully handled, to render the story remarkable. But as no detailed account of the cure is given, and the whole action of the book is concerned with the commonplace incidents of the fraudulent concealment of a will and a contested inheritance, relieved by some highly proper but uneventful love-making, the hopes inspired by this preliminary information are sadly disappointed. Nor is the manner of the narrative much more exhilarating than its matter. Take the following specimens of its style:—"The transfer of Homehurst to you, Christopher, could never be regarded as an act of injustice to Lucy, for as it has always been my intention to keep that property in the family by restricting the succession to heirs male, she could never, in the ordinary course of human events, expect to inherit it. Compare with this guarded statement, the following bit of slip-slop: "On being released he lost no time in proceeding to England, under the assumed name of 'Blatters,' and where he thought he might spend his share of booty," &c.

Innocent as is the heroine, the writer of Jessie's story has less of innocence than childishness about him. One volume might have been made out of her simple and not uninteresting love-affair, but the writer has contrived to make three by inserting a twofold quantity of witless and wearisome digression. If he would eschew this vulgar posture-making, and carefully expunge all passages which he deems to be funny, he has sufficient fluency and clearness to write a tolerable story. The old lady, Mrs. Lovel, is fairly drawn; Graham is a gentleman; Jessie is pleasing, though slightly insipid; Andrews is a monstrosity and a bore.

'Les Diaboliques,' by M. Barbey d'Aurévilly, which we reviewed four weeks ago, and blamed for its indecency, has been seized at the shop of M. Dentu.

The Diary of H.M. the Shah of Persia, during his Tour through Europe, in A.D. 1873. By J. W. Redhouse. A Verbatim Translation, with Portrait. (Murray.)

It is no disparagement to Mr. Redhouse if we say that, in spite of his linguistic attainments, we regret very much that the task of translating this book was imposed upon him. One would have thought that it would have been obvious that something more than a knowledge of the Persian language was requisite for discharging the duty of presenting this work to the English public, and that an editor should have been sought out who knew Persia as well as Persian, and, what was vastly

more important, also knew the Shah. Had that been done, there would have been a clearer recognition of the royal author's true character, and we should have heard less about "the odd mingling of childishness" in it, and more about the "sound sense." But, first, as to the expediency of selecting an editor well acquainted with Persia; let us begin by establishing that point. The first stage of the journey is said to be "the village of Kan," and this word so written occurs six times in the second and third pages; but any one who has been to Tehran will know that the name of the place is Kand, and if he looks on the map will see it written with a slight change of the vowel, Kend. But if he will turn to page 420 of this very translation, he will find the word twice written correctly in the following sentence, "It much resembles the village of Kand, near Tehrán; but the gardens of Kand are more numerous and extensive than these." Kand is, in short, a Well-known spot, about eight miles from Tehrán, where the Sháh has not "a royal palace," but a small shooting-box, and where, as the hills near are well looked after, he often shoots mouttons and other game. The Anisu 'd daulah, who, we are told, came to Kand, is, we believe, the lady who accompanied the Shah to Russia. "Familiar of Royalty" is a strange translation of her title, and is certainly rather indifferent English. Prince Wajihu'ltāh's name, which occurs first after the mention of Kand, is written once correctly, once incorrectly; and to render Murād Bey, Na'ib; Lieut. Murād, a Bey; and Ikbal Mahdī-kuli Khán; Gentleman of the Chamber, Mahdī-kuli, a Khán, is really too absurd. At p. 5 we have Draugiana for Drangiana; and we ought to have, but have not, a note to explain that the palace at Karj is really a palace, and not a shooting-box, built by Fáth Alí Sháh in 1808, and containing two very interesting pictures of great size, one of the Court of that monarch, and the other of the Court of Agha Muhammad. There are other places on the road to the Caspian which deserved a foot-note. But passing over these, we would ask why is no explanation given of the long list of titles and names at pp. 18, 19, and which to the English reader must be utterly unmeaning? Why again is "(uncle to the Shah)" written after the title Nusratu-'d-Dawla, and not after Husāmu's Sultana, and why is nothing said of the remarkable man who bears the latter title, the only man in Persia (the Shah himself always excepted) who has carved out for himself a place in history, the captor of Marv and Hirát, the worthy son of a noble father, whose name was once dear to Englishmen, Abbas Mirza. The eldest brother of the Husāmu's Sultana, Bahman Mirza, is mentioned at p. 411, but all that is said of him is "a fugitive uncle of the Shah, though State papers have been written about him, and though but for his age he might even yet play an important rôle." It would surely have made the work more interesting to Europeans had a brief account been given of the principal Persians mentioned in it. Again, who that has been at Sultaniyyah would speak of it only as a village half-way between Tehrān and Tabrīz, or have any doubt about the rat mentioned at p. 160, which with its burrowing has made the vast plain of that well-known place so treacherous to the rider? As to the very

natural mistakes which occur here and there in these pages in writing European names and in recording European matters, we quite agree that it was right to leave them, and that they add piquancy to the text. We should be sorry to part with Prince Linoge, Lord Choseby, and the gallant Admiral Fibbs Hurubi; and we are willing that Charlemagne should be credited with the brevet-rank of "Emperor of the whole of Firingistan"; but if quotations are introduced, they ought to be correct, and we think that the defeat of Crécy should not be referred to the time of a prince who had been for more than thirty years in his grave when it took place. At p. 147, the statement about the Núwáb Názim being a grandson of the renowned Tipú Sáhib should have been omitted, or, at all events, corrected in a note; and as the word Sáhib is correctly written, it was quite unnecessary to invite the English reader to pronounce it incorrectly, as Sá'eb. At p. 348, the reader ought not to be left in ignorance as to who Qastígar Khán is, but should be told that he is the Austrian officer, H. Gasteiger, who did such good service to us in putting up the telegraph under Col. Goldsmid. To put "hole" for "tunnel" once might have been endured as a small joke; but the incessant repetition of it throughout the book is, without an equivoque, a continuous bore.

But all this is unimportant compared with the real injury that has been done by not confiding the work to some one, like Sir Henry Rawlinson, really acquainted with the Shah. Such a person would, we think, have availed himself of the opportunity to remove a false impression which we regret to observe has been made in some quarters, as to the want of seriousness of purpose in undertaking the journey, and the improbability of real advantages being derived from it. Preface should have pointed out that for a Sháh of Persia to leave his country in order to visit foreign courts, was not only an unprecedented event, but one that required great moral courage and most careful forethought. It is the strongest possible argument as to the moderation and popularity of the Sháh's rule that he could quit his kingdom and be absent from it from the 12th of May to the 6th of September without one breath of sedition disturbing the political calm that reigned there. Elements of danger are never wanting in Muhammadan States, and the simple fact of their prince going to visit the courts of unbelievers and conforming, in some degree, to their customs, would in itself be most repugnant to the feelings of the orthodox professors of Islám. Then it must not be forgotten that, not to mention other royal princes, Abbás Mirza, the Sháh's brother, who would probably have succeeded to the throne had his father, Muhammad Shah, lived, is residing on the south-western frontier of Persia, and that Bahman Mirza, the Sháh's paternal uncle, a prince of great ability, great wealth, and at one time, perhaps, of ambitious views, is an exile, living not far from the north-western border. We may be quite sure that had there been any real disaffection in Persia, there would have been mutterings of a storm, if not an actual outbreak, before the Shah's return; and that there was nothing of the sort is the best possible refutation of the calumnies which have

been sometimes uttered against the Government of Persia, as against all governments. In the next place, it must not be supposed that the Shah's journey could be lightly undertaken, nor must the long and anxious preparation for it, which issued in complete success, be undervalued. First of all, the ways and means were to be provided, without incurring debt, for the Sháh is one of the few princes who have avoided borrowing. The sum expended on the journey might appear small to those accustomed to the vast disbursements of European States, but it was no doubt a large one for We do not pretend to have any sufficient data for calculating the amount, but we think that, including presents and purchases, it probably exceeded 150,000l. Another anxious question which had to be solved was that of whom to take and whom to leave behind, and the care of the splendid jewels and the large sum of money the Shah had with him, say 100,000 túmáns; besides, the jewels and cash brought by the princes and nobles were in themselves no slight matter; and it speaks well for the carefulness and integrity of the household that no such accident occurred as that which has just befallen an English nobleman, on a much shorter and easier journey. Again, we see proofs of the Shah's forethought in the way that he worked up to what has been one of the great designs of his life. He began by visiting all the important places in his own dominions, or on the frontier, Khúrásán, the Caspian provinces, and above all the Holy Places of the followers of 'Alí at Kerbela and Najaf. It could not be said that he post-poned the claims of his own people, or of his own religion, to the allurements of the voluptuous capitals of European States. He had also to acquire some knowledge of French and of European history, and he neglected neither. He at all events knew French well enough to make a pointed reply in it, as when a noble statesman was making excuses for the smallness of his house, the Shah said, "Petite maison, grande âme." The journey itself was well conceived and well carried out; the time was judiciously apportioned, and every effort was made to derive as much advantage as possible from the visits to the different countries. In four months the Sháh crossed the Caspian to Astrakhan, ascended the Volga, visited Moscow and St. Petersburg, crossed by rail to Berlin and Cologne, ascended by rail to Wiesbaden and Frankfort, Heidelberg, Carlsruhe and Baden, turned northward to Biberich, descended the Rhine to Bonn, took the rail to Spa, where His Majesty had the only illness he suffered during his tour, and that a brief one; went on to Brussels, crossed from Ostend to Dover, visited London, Portsmouth, Liverpool, Trentham, Manchester, Windsor, Woolwich and Richmond; crossed to Cherbourg, visited Paris, Geneva, Turin, Milan (which the Sháh found hotter than Tehrán), and Verona; crossed the Brenner to Salzburg and Vienna, returned to Italy, crossed from Brindisi to Constantinople, and from Constantinople to Poti, took rail to Teflis and carriage to Bákú, and thence returned by steamer to Enzeli, the Persian port at which His Majesty had first embarked in May. During the whole of those four months the Shah might truly have said of himself, Nulla dies sine linea; and perhaps no one ever saw so much in so short a time, for few that have

fewer that have the facilities have the will. From the game of bowls to the magnificent array of embattled hosts, nothing failed to interest the royal traveller. Dukes plied the labouring oar to please him; and even the gravest of assemblies executed one of its cumbrous movements to gratify his curiosity. And what has been the result of all this earnest inquiry and all this wealth of information? It would be a mistake to suppose that it is totalled up in these pages. A statement had to be made in the Tehrán Gazette, the Court Circular had to be written up to date, and it was requisite to do it in a way to give offence to no one. There is, first of all, a bouquet of compliments for the Foreign States. The Emperor of Russia is majestic and stately, and the Heir Apparent is graceful; the Russian troopers are handsome, with choice and beautiful uniforms. "All passed off, in Russia, very pleasantly." The Emperor of Germany is perfect in health and strength; his great officers are very celebrated, and much spoken of; and his troops are well armed and beautifully clothed. France is "the most powerful of States." "Austria, in point of beauty and engagedness, is the queen of all lands." "The position and site of the city of Constantinople are without rivals in the world." The sovereign of Italy has similar tastes to those of the author of this book: "He told me that he held the town and palace in detestation; that he always wished to be in the hunting-grounds on the mountains." "It is some time since the death of the sovereign's royal consort, and he has not again married a royally contracted State-wife, having taken a privately wedded consort (an Ansu 'd daulah), in like way with myself." As to England, there is, in addition to other descriptive sentences, the following: "the demeanour of the English and everything of theirs is extremely well regulated and governed, and admirable. In respect to populousness, the wealth of the people, the commerce, the arts, business and dolce far niente, they are the chief of all nations." But, "after compliments," there is a word of consolation for Tehran readers very subtilely administered. "The Gobelin tapestry is fine, but it has a defect, the sun causes the dyes of the tissues to fade; whereas the dyes of Persian carpets are not easily deteriorated by the sun." The Alps are high, "but the Persian mountain of Damavand is considerably more lofty and more picturesque." The tour had been a pleasant one; but the Persians were all eager to get back to their native country, love for which peeps out in a way the European reader might not notice, but which will be quite satisfactory to the Tehrání.

Some comments have been passed on certain remarks which appear at pp. 155-157, with reference to the visit to Woolwich. It is thought that the Sháh really believes that "all the barracks of the entire cavalry and infantry of the realm of England" are at that place; that "the officers of the land and naval forces, as well as those of the artillery," all breakfast in a hall there, which would indeed be a "nice place" if it could contain the thousands which would, in that case, assemble there. cannon exhibited to the Shah "had newly arrived from India, and were to return thither," and, consequently, it might be in-

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ferred that the forces of Great Britain were astonishingly few and her military equipment not very alarming. The Shah is much too shrewd to be under any such delusion. No one knows better than His Majesty what the military strength of England is, if for no other reason than simply because no one has more cause to be interested about it. "We have not seen the American navy, and, therefore, we can give no opinion about that, but, with that exception, England has the greatest naval force in the world. The English army is most excellent, but in point of numbers it is so immensely exceeded by the Russian, that, single-handed, it could have no chance against it in Asia." That, we believe, would be found to be the real view of the matter held by the Sháh; and if these pages seem to disclose a different opinion, there is no difficulty in finding the explanation.

But passing from these grave matters, and waiving all conjectures as to the purport of the serious discussions which, we may be quite sure, were held by the Shah with the ministers of the states whose capitals he visited, and more especially with our own, we must invite attention to the kindly spirit which shines throughout this volume, to the zeal for knowledge of all kinds which it exhibits, and the quiet way in which disapprobation of unbecoming things is evinced, without any unnecessary strictures on those who indulge in them. "It was a great piece of folly" is the strongest expression used in the book, and that of a thing which must have been odious to an Oriental. The judgment of the writer is one

Which oft rejects, but never once offends.

The Sháh's journey was, in every sense, we believe, a successful and a satisfactory one, but, as if to stamp vanitas vanitatum upon it, as upon all human undertakings, it ended disagreeably. He was about to disembark once more on the shore of his own beloved Irán. The anniversary of the Prince of Believers, 'Alí, was at hand, a Russian man-of-war had come to do him honour, and he and his staff had donned their State uniforms :-

"Well, we reached the anchorage, and the manof war with great difficulty fired a few guns. The Tower of Enzeli and the people on the beach were all visible; but as large ships cannot go closer in, and enter into Enzeli itself, it was a matter of necessity for lighters and our own small steamyacht to come out and carry us in. With this storm that was not practicable, and we, therefore, despondingly left the deck of the steamer, where we could no longer stand upright, went into our cabin, took off our state clothes, and resigning ourselves to God's decree, sat down. The others, who had put on all their orders, in like manner threw off their finery in the midst of heavings and vomitings, casting themselves down in the first corner, from whence they had no power to move. It was now two hours to sunset, and heavy rain began to pour. The waves rose so that we could not bear to look at them, and the ship rolled to that degree that the yard-arms touched the water each way. The sea broke over the vessel, and she heaved over so fearfully that we thought she would capsize and shoot us all overboard. At each roll, the observed two bears of the country to the country to the shear the same to be searched. the chairs, tables, and other furniture of the cabin were upset with frightful clatter; and the hull of were upset with frightful clatter; and the hull of the ship, with straining, groaned again. Little did it want for her to go to pieces. Thus with fierce rain from above, and a raging sea below, the ship became full of water; and it was impossible to walk about, by reason of her violent movements, and also because the planks were so wet that one's

feet slipped and could not retain their hold. 'Such is the end of our tour in Europe! To be so near home—for our Tower of Enzeli to be within sight, at a distance to be measured by feet, and for one to be in this condition! Should this go for one to be in this condition! Should this go on for three days, we shall surely drag our anchor, and then there is no port except at Langaran! All these servants, and others who have come to Enzeli, what will they do?' Such were our thoughts; and so much bitterness did they engentiated the state of t der that I cannot describe it, I also felt indisposed; I perspired from agitation and the heat; the wind struck to my chest and I coughed. Neither was there a chance of sleeping, by night or by day, by reason of the storm. The rain was unceasing. "Saturday, 6th September.—In the morning the

storm and motion of the ship were as before, or even worse. The other ship, with the princes on board, had also come in after us, and anchored. So things went on the whole day—clouds, rain, storm. I slept about two hours. Suddenly a cry was raised that a boat had come alongside. I rose, and saw her with twelve men who had undertaken to come out and obtain tidings of us. The sea also was a little less agitated, and we were some-what calmed. The Mu'tamad wrote an answer to what calmed. The Mutamad wrote an answer to the missive that had been addressed to him. In another hour, it being now dawn of the 7th September, a second boat came alongside, into which Mabdi-kuli Khán and Mírzá 'Abdu-l'-lah cast themselves and went away. Morning broke, and other lighters came. Some more of our people got away in them. The weather was inclining to become fair, and the water of the lagoon had begun to flow into the sea. At length our steamyacht came in sight, paddling out of the lagoon. She came near; but it was still difficult to get from one vessel to the other, as they kept her somewhat at a distance. They then brought our barge alongside, and somehow or other I got into her, pulled to the yacht, and then I was hauled on board by hand. Once on deck, I felt safe; and, immediately offering up my thanks to the Creator, whose name be glorified, arrived at Enzeli. Those who had come from Tehrán were admitted to an audience; after which we went to our tower, mounted to our apartments, and there again poured out our hearts in thanks to God. At night there was a general illumination, and we slept in peace. Praise be unto God Most High!" Amen!

CHRISTMAS BOOKS.

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Le Docteur Ox, Le Tour du Monde, and other Stories. By Jules Verne. (French illustrated edition, in one volume.)—Les Planteurs de la Jamaique. Par Mayne Reid.—Mon Premier Voyage de Mer. Adapté de l'Anglais. Par Thoulet. L'Histoire d'un Ane et de Deux Jeunes Filles. Par P. J. Stahl. (Paris, Hetzel.)

Boons and Blessings. Stories and Sketches to illustrate the Advantages of Temperance. By Mrs. S. C. Hall. Illustrated from Designs by Eminent Artists. (Virtue, Spalding & Co.)

Good and Bad Managers: Three Stories. By Ellen Barlee. (Seeley, Jackson & Halliday.)

The Little Lame Prince and his Travelling Cloak. By the Author of 'John Halifax, Gentleman.'

By the Author of 'John Halifax, Gentleman.' Twenty-four Illustrations by J. M'L. Ralston.

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Floss Silverthorne; or, the Master's Little Handmaid. By Agnes Giberne. (Seeley, Jackson & Halliday.)

Fairy Gifts; or, a Wallet of Wonders. By Kathleen Knox. (Griffith & Farran.)
Life at Hartwell. By Katherine E. May. (Edin-

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Max Wild, the Merchant's Son. (Same publisher.)

Stories told in a Fisherman's Cottage.—Three Wet

Sundays with the Book of Joshua. By Ellen

Palmer. (Same publisher.)

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Christmas at Annesley. By Mary E. Shipley.
(Marcus Ward & Co.)
Cotton. By S. W.—Boys and Girls. By M. Bramston.—A Month at Brighton, and what Came of It. By Mary E. Shipley.—An Inherited Task; or, Early Mission Life in South Africa. By Charles

H. Eden .- Riversdale. By C. E. Bowen .- The Slave-Dealer of the Coanza. By S. W. Sadler.—
Robin the Bold. By the Author of 'Life Underground.'—A Faithful Servant. By Jean Baptiste Cléry. (Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge.)

Snowdrop, and other Tales .- Wild Rose. By Mrs.

Mackarness. (Routledge & Sons.)

May's Own Boy. By the Author of 'Little Mother.' With Twenty-four Illustrations by Frolich. (Seeley, Jackson & Halliday.)

Hope's Annual: the Day after the Holidays. With Illustrations by Phiz, junior. (Edinburgh,

WE have selected four works from among a vast number sent us by the Maison Hetzel, all of the same character, and that excellent. Those who same character, and that excellent. Those who wish to give boys of their acquaintance an illustrated gift-book in French, cannot do better than select the first. For girls the fourth will be found well suited; and the second and third will do for either. The talented author of the letter-press of the 'History of a Donkey,' "M. P. J. Stahl," is, if we mistake not, M. Hetzel, the publisher himself.

Our own favourite among Mrs. S. C. Hall's 'Boons and Blessings' is the tale about "Pepper and her Freer" Wedde not know whether we prefer the Irish

Foes." We do not know whether we prefer the Irish cook, Mary, with her queer, half-coaxing, half-scolding ways, or "Pepper," the faithful and ugly little beast, with a temper like pins and needles; but the two together are pleasant to read about, and the story is in Mrs. S. C. Hall's happiest vein. The other sketches are devoted to the Tem-perance cause. Most of them have already been published separately, but here they are collected

mito a handsome volume.

Miss Ellen Barlee is known for her philanthropic and persevering efforts to improve the condition of a class compendiously called "distressed needlewomen," and any one who has ever had to deal with one of that class can understand what an amount of patience and long-suffering Miss Barlee amount of patience and long-suffering Miss Bariee must have had to exert! In these three stories of good and bad managers we are glad to see that she recognizes the fact that women who can sew well, need never be "distressed," and that those who work ill, only "distress" those who employ them. 'Good and Bad Managers' is a cheerful book, and contains a perfect mine of excellent counsel and helpful information for those who can profit by the same. It is a book good to read and good to lend, but it is not a child's book.

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The Author of 'John Halifax' has seldom written
a more excellent story than 'The Little Lame
Prince.' It is touching, and yet it is free from
her besetting fault of sentimentality. Boys and
girls and grown-up people may all read it with pleasure, and there is just a touch of the supernatural
in it which makes it a graceful wonder story.

'Floss Silverthorne' is a mournful but interesting tale. The author, Miss Agnes Giberne always

ing tale. The author, Miss Agnes Giberne, always infuses a large proportion of the sorrows of life into all her works. On this occasion she has been rather merciful, and only one of her characters has to die; she contents herself with making Flossie Silverthorne, the little heroine, suffer so acutely that we confess to shedding tears for her, but she makes her tolerably happy at last. The story is well written, and the grief of Flossie at being separated from her brother is described with a truth and reality that will nearly break the hearts of tender-hearted young readers. Miss Giberne can write well, but we entreat her to make her stories a little less miserable. Children as well as grown persons must be prepared for troubles in this life, but a little brightness may be put into children's books without going against truth or probability. Miss Giberne seems to have a positive fear of making the people in her stories either happy or comfortable. merciful, and only one of her characters has to die; comfortable.

'Fairy Gifts; or, a Wallet of Wonders' are only modern fairy tales, which are not much to our taste, though they are readable, and little folks may not be critical; but they lack grace and beauty: the writer is self-conscious, and indulges in sarcasms and ironical observations, which never

appear in the real old fairy tales.

'Life at Hartwell' is a nice little story about school life. Like many others that have been written and told, one incident seems inevitable in school-tales, that of some one stealing a book, or paper, or theme, to get a schoolfellow into trouble, or to hinder some one else gaining a prize. We wonder if it often happens in real school-life? - 'Max Wild, the Merchant's Son,' is not nearly so good a story as the second tale in the same volume, 'Christopher's First Journey,' which is delightful. Both are translations from the German.—The 'Stories told in a Fisherman's Cottage' are rather amusing, and are well told. from the The 'Three Wet Sundays' is excellent Sunday reading, and the history of Joshua is told in a way is excellent Sunday that children will, we think, find interesting. All these works are cheap and "safe" gift-books for young people.

Christmas at Annesley' is a pleasant, lively book, giving an account of how a party of cousins passed their holidays at a delightful country-house. The characters of the young people are well discriminated, and, although similar holidays have often been described before, yet there are always fresh families of young people who will be glad of the latest intelligence about a Merry

Christmas.

The Society for the Promotion of Christian Knowledge is becoming quite benignant in the character of its publications, and prints really interesting works of fiction for young people as well as more sedate and instructive books. 'Cotton' is a good account of that inestimable material, from the first seed to the finished manufactured piece of cloth or muslin, dyed or printed. The process of its cultivation, preparation, and manufacture is told in a pleasant style, the narrative being compiled from standard works with the assistance of a friend, whose name guarantees the correctness of the information given. There are anecdotes about cotton in early times, when our own ancestors were their own skins painted and dyed. It is a very good little book of its kind.—'Boys and Girls' is a pleasant story, with good illustrations. It is really a tale for children, and not a novel in disguise.—The author of 'Life Underground' seems to understand the thoughts and feelings of all the little creatures she writes about, and this "personal experience of Robin the bold" will gain much favour and many crumbs for all little out-of-door birds which may come near the door or window of the reader. It is a book which will give young people a humane and rational interest, not in birds alone, but in all small animals, and induce an intelligent observation of their habits and ways. Making children acquainted with the creatures round them will do much to check the thoughtless cruelty which is in the young more ignorance than desire to hurt, and will teach them to respect life in all its forms.—
'A Month at Brighton' is a pretty story, natural and pleasant. Young readers will be interested to know "what came of it."—'Riversdale' is an entertaining little book, being the gossiping recollections of one "of the oldest inhabitants." It would be an acceptable gift-book, and it is prettily illustrated.—'An Inherited Task' is a story of early mission life in South Africa. The missionary characters are fictitious, but all that concerns Chaka, the Hottentot chief, and the manners, customs, and descriptions of the country, are drawn from authentic sources. It is an interesting book, and full of adventure.- 'A Faithful Servant' is a translation of the Journal kept by Cléry of what took place in the Temple during the captivity of Louis the Sixteenth. The captivity of the royal family of France is as pitiful as any among all the "strange stories of the death of kings," and there are some that are "wondrous pitiful."—'The Slave-Dealer of the Coanza' is a good, stirring, well-written story, full of adventures and dangers and narrow escapes, such as boys delight to read about. This shilling series of the Society's books is both cheap and good, and very suitable for gifts and rewards.

Mrs. Mackarness has written a series of graceful and pleasant stories, each of which bears the name

of some flower, which is suggestive of the qualities illustrated by the tale. It is a pretty, fanciful idea, and Mrs. Mackarness, who loves both flowers and children, has succeeded well in her task. We are glad to say that they are really simple and pleasant stories for young people, full of good and sound teaching. They are free from precocious sentiment, and they show that may be interesting without containing a word about love or lovers.

Both the letter-press and the illustrations of May's Own Boy are delightful; both little May's Own Boy are dengated, both Johnny and his sister May are charming. Grownup people who may buy the book will feel tempted to keep it for themselves. The illustrations are exquisitely graceful, and the story is

worthy of them.

Mr. Hope understands what boys like to talk about. This 'Day after the Holidays' is a companion to 'The Day before the Holidays,' published last year; but, on the whole, the stories in the present volume are much the best. They are full of fun and boyish spirits, and the masters as well as the boys must enjoy reading them.

OUR LIBRARY TABLE.

UNDER the title of English Men of Science, Mr. Francis Galton has compiled rather an interesting book out of some statistics he has got together. We knew before that a scientific man of eminence usually possesses a good deal of energy and independence of character; but Mr. Galton may fairly claim to have shown that these qualities have been in most cases conspicuous in one or both the parents. Why when selecting families in which talent seems to have been hereditary, did Mr. Galton omit the Hares? Mr. Galton's publishers are Messrs. Macmillan.

MR. DIXON has written a pleasant enough essay on The Jacobite Episode in Scottish History. There is nothing particularly new in it, but it is agreeable reading. The author is a strong anti-Jacobite, and reading. The author is a strong anti-Jacobite, and although he has striven to be fair, he has not always been just. Prince Charles Edward should hardly have been so severely blamed for insisting on the march to Derby. It was, no doubt, a hazardous movement, but it was his only chance. By the way, Mr. Dixon seems to suppose Wordsworth was the "Sunday Bard." Is "Sepulchral Grahame" wholly forgotten even in Scotland, although he sang the Sabbath? Messrs. Menzies & Co., of Edinburgh, are Mr. Dixon's publishers.

Another book on a Scotch subject is sent us by Messra. Daldy, Isbister & Co., Lewsiana. This is a collection, with some additions, of sundry articles contributed by the author, Mr. W. Anderson Smith, to the Glasgow Herald. They are neither Smith, to the Glasgow Herald. better nor worse than such articles usually are; but now that Mr. Black has made many people feel an interest in the Hebrides who had previously hardly heard the name of Lewes, the book may find readers.

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A STRANGE "HISTORY."

Kilburn, Dec. 8, 1874.

It is no longer commonly supposed to be expedient (even if it be considered necessary), in the interests of a class or a creed, to deny the plainest facts of history. To you, rather more, perhaps, than to any other representative of modern independent criticism, are we indebted for this healthy sign of the times. Exceptional cases do, however, still arise in which historical compilers boldly defy the critics, and put forth as sober truth what has

the critics, and put forth as sober truth what has been again and again exploded as pure romance or popular superstition. Pray allow me to submit such a case for the judgment of your readers.

Messrs, Cassell & Co., to whom the rising generation are indebted for so many cheap as well as useful books, are now engaged in publishing, in parts, a 'History of Protestantism,' from the pen of the Rev. Dr. Wylie. It is well printed and profusely illustrated, but in every other respect it is at once painfully and even elaborately defective. It would be difficult to determine the precise creed of Christendom of which Dr. Wylie might be deemed the upholder, but it is Wylie might be deemed the upholder, but it is safe to affirm, that if Part I. of his work furnishes a fair specimen of his powers as an accurate compiler, "Historicus" himself, or some equally great champion of "our common Christianity," should lose no time in obtaining an injunction in Character to seather in other much licetics. tion in Chancery to restrain further publication.

The reverend gentleman has devoted the greater part of the first instalment of his work to a laboured

disquisition touching the claims of the Waldenses, or Vaudois, to antiquity, orthodoxy, &c., all of which are indubitably established in his imagination. A single extract must suffice to exhibit him as he soars in the realms of fancy, contemptuously as he soars in the realms of fancy, contemptuously indifferent to the fruits of modern research on the subject. Writing of the Waldenses, Dr. Wylie, then, says:—"There is a singular concurrence of evidence in favour of their high antiquity. Their traditions invariably point to an unbroken descent from the earliest times, as regards their religious belief. The 'Nobla Leyçon,' which dates from the year 1100, goes to prove that the Waldenses of Piedmont did not owe their rise to Peter Waldo of Lyons, who did not appear till the latter half of that century (1160). The 'Nobla Leycon,' though a poem, is in reality a confession of faith, and a poem, is in reality a confession of faith, and could have been composed only after some considerable study of the system of Christianity, in contradistinction to the errors of Rome. How could a Church have arisen with such a document in her hands? Or how could these herdsmen and vine-dressers, shut up in their mountains, have detected the errors against which they bore testimony, and found their way to the truths of which they made open confession in times of darkness like these? If we grant that their religious beliefs were the heritage of former ages, handed down from an evangelical ancestry, all is plain; but if we maintain that they were the discovery of the men of those days, we assert what approaches men of those days, we assert what approaches almost to a miracle. Their greatest enemies, Claude Seyssel of Turin (1517), and Reynerius the Jesuit (1250), have admitted their antiquity, and stigmatized them as 'the most dangerous of all heretics, because the most ancient."

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The preposterous character of Dr. Wylie's "readings in history" must be patent to anybody having the slightest acquaintance with current literature, which it may be charitably concluded our author has not. In the first place, the Waldensian MSS., the very title-deeds upon which the claims of his heroes to orthodoxy as well as antiquity are founded, are proved by the late lamented Prof. Todd, of Trinity College, Dublin, Mr. Henry Bradshawe, Librarian of the University of Cambridge, and others, to be at least 300 years less ancient than the modern Vaudois pretend. The oldest Waldensian writings extant are those at less ancient than the modern Vaudois pretend. The oldest Waldensian writings extant are those at Cambridge, and their dates are fixed by that of 'La Nobla Leyçon.' Dr. Wylie will be surprised to learn,—what must be familiar to every reader of the Athenœum,—that this poem, upon which he and congenial writers have erected a gigantic superstructure of romance, is proved, beyond a shadow of doubt, to have been wilfully falsified (by an erasure), with a view to substantiate, by means of forgery, what is in itself a fiction (vide Antiquarian Society's Transactions, Cambridge, May 10, 1862). Nay, more, the authorities of the May 10, 1862). Nay, more, the authorities of the University—to their honour be it told—caused the pious fraud to be photographed, for the benefit of a posterity curious in such matters, and it has since been published to the world as a very pretty frontispiece to the valuable collection of Waldensian documents compiled by the Rev. Dr. Melia, only three years ago (Toovey, Piccadilly). So much for the high antiquity and orthodoxy of Dr. Wylie's "claimants."

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The reverend gentleman's surprise will scarcely be diminished by learning also that Claude Seyssel and Reinerius Sacchus, instead of testifying in favour of the antiquity of the Waldenses, testified against it, as an absurdity and a fable (vide Hahn, ii. p. 25, and S. R. Maitland, passim). It is almost cruel to disabuse his mind further, but as a matter of fact (which may be gleaned from any old almanack), Reinerius, who is described by Maclaine as "a bloody inquisitor," and is no less than three times dubbed "a Jesuit" by Dr. Wylie, the date (1250) being on every occasion carefully the date (1250) being on every occasion carefully affixed to his name in parenthesis, lest there should affixed to his name in parenthesis, test there should be any doubt about it, but who was really a Domi-nican friar, flourished just two centuries and a half before Ignatius Loyola, the first founder of the Jesuits, was even born. Is not this "popular education" with a vengeance?

It were to be wished that Dr. Wylie's numerous misstatements, of which the foregoing constitute only the merest selection, were all equally the result of ignorance or carelessness. There is, how-ever, unfortunately, a method and deliberation ever, unfortunately, a method and deliberation about his references, especially as regards that veracious historian Leger, of infamous memory, which almost provoke one to adopt a less charitable conclusion. What can be the object of inditing such a work in these days,—a work which, when it has been finished, may, with perfect propriety, be dedicated to Mr. Whalley? Is it written with a view to reviving the miserable enmities and hatreds which, alas! too long divided different classes of Englishmen, but are now, happily, dying out amongst us? If so, it is a Christian duty to expose its absurd pretensions as an authentic record of the past, and I appeal to the editor of the Atheneum, than whom no one has done so much to discourage literary effrontery, for the opportunity to effect such exposure, if only in the interests of historical truth.

J. A. Fox.

IMPROBABILITIES.

I TRUST you will permit me, as an act of justice, to return the following replies to the questions of your reviewer in the notice of my book, 'The Autobiography of a Man-o'-War's Bell,' which, I may observe, was written six years ago. As a mere boy's story, I never claimed for it the pretensions of a novel, as you designate the work.

(1,) I can find nowhere throughout the book any description of the mode of fitting shell-rooms in frigates in 1758; indeed, so far as I am able in frigates in 1758; indeed, so far as I am able to discover, only on p. 40 does the word "shell-room" occur. (2.) During a hot chase in old times, sails, even from royals down, have frequently been kept wetted by canvas buckets rove through "whips" rigged aloft and served by hands in the tops and cross-trees. (3.) The illustration on p. 75, or any of the others, were never seen by me until after the tale was published, so that I am guiltless of their inaccuracies. (4.) The foremast of the Melpomene went by the head, where the strain of the topmast is greatest, as has frequently happened in action, and not below the foreyard, as the reviewer takes for granted, though I did as the reviewer takes for granted, though I did as the reviewer takes for granted, though I did not specify the spot where it carried away. (5.) "Foremast and waist guns" is an obvious printer's error for "foremost and waist guns," and, on refer-ence, I find it so appears in my MSS. (6.) Your reviewer regards as "absurdly improbable" that "the foretop-men of the Melpomene, taking advantage of the foreyard of their ship becoming locked in that of the enemy, ran along the yard like cats."
This, however, actually happened in the case of
the capture of the United States frigate, Chesapeake, by the Shannon. In Capt. Broke's despatch
of that memorable action (see Brighten's 'Life of Admiral Sir P. Broke, p. 189) occurs the following passage:—"Mr. Smith, midshipman, who commanded in the foretop, stormed the enemy's foretop, and destroyed all the Americans remaining in it." (7.) The incident of a mate and a midshipman it." (7.) The incident of a mate and a midshipman more than a century ago, in the days of Benbow and Boscawen, fighting a duel with swords on the forecastle of a ship, where the foresail and the darkness of night would screen them from view, is not a whit more improbable than many that appear in Marryat's novels.

C. R. Low.

*** Mr. Low complains of our criticism on his 'Man-o'-War's Bell,' and yet admits the inconsistencies we pointed out. He allows that shellrooms are mentioned, of a period when shells were no part of a gunner's stores; that the illustration of a frigate with two rows of ports is in the book and is inaccurate; and that foremast is a printer's error. We do not remember that in "James," or error. We do not remember that in "James," or any other historian of our naval wars, a mast shot away at the head is described as the mast shot away, and a foremast shot away takes the foreyard with it, so that it is impossible for men to pass from yard to yard. We know it has been done with the masts standing. Whether any incident in Marryat's novels is more improbable

than the one alluded to in Mr. Low's work, is a matter of opinion. We think not.

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A CORRESPONDENT writes from Heidelberg :-"In my last letter I expressed some apprehension that the University of Heidelberg might lose one of her greatest ornaments, Prof. Kirchhoff. is now no longer a subject of fear but of regret. Prof. Kirchhoff has accepted a call to Berlin, and will leave Heidelberg at the end of the present session. He is to be a member of the Berlin Academy, without any special duties assigned to him, so that he may be able to devote his time entirely to scientific investigations. He will have an official residence, and a salary of 6,000 thalers. What can poor Heidelberg offer him to tempt him

to stay?
"Unfortunately the loss of Kirchhoff will be followed soon by another, perhaps still greater. Prof. Bunsen, Kirchhoff's personal friend, and associated with him for many years in common scientific labours, will probably resign his office very shortly. He is disgusted with the Baden Government, which lets one of the eminent men after another leave Heidelberg. As he is a man of independent means, and too advanced in years to wish to enter a new field of labour, he will simply retire into his study and private laboratory.
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teacher in Heidelberg is Prof. Kuno Fischer, whose lectures on philosophy and literature are attended by hundreds of students. He also has now received a call elsewhere, and may accept it.

If I tell you that in addition to these impending losses Heidelberg is deprived, through illness, of the services of Prof. Renaud, the popular Professor of Civil and Commercial Law, you will not wonder if you hear that the number of students this winter is less than it has been for years."

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PROFESSOR VON TISCHENDORF.

THE University of Leipzig has sustained an irreparable loss in the death of Prof. von Tischendorf, one of its most renowned professors. Nor will the loss be felt by that seat of learning alone, but by Biblical scholars throughout the world, for the Bible and Tischendorf are so associated in men's minds, that the one suggests the other.

L. F. Constantine von Tischendorf was born at Lengenfeld, on the 15th of January, 1815. After attending the Gymnasium at Plauen, he repaired to Leipzig in 1834, where he studied theology and philosophy till 1838, and settled down there in 1840. His first edition of the Greek Testament appeared in 1841, in which he followed the principles of Lachmann to a considerable extent. voting himself from this time onward to the restoration of the New Testament text, he entered with great ardour upon those fields of research, in which he surpassed all contemporaries. In 1840 he went to Paris, and succeeded in deciphering the 'Codex Ephraemi Rescriptus.' In search of MSS. he journeyed thence to England, Holland, Switzerland, and Italy, discovering much that was new and suitable for his purposes. In 1844 he proceeded to Egypt by Malta, and visited the monasteries of the Nitrian desert, crossing to Sinai and pursuing the route thence to Palestine and Syria, Asia Minor, Constantinople, and Greece; returning home by Vienna and Munich. The fruit of this journey consisted of a rich store of MSS. in different languages, including the Greek MS. of the Old Testament known as the 'Codex Friderico-Augustanus,' part of the great Sinaitic MS. Having re-visited France and England in 1849, he returned to the East in 1853, especially to Egypt and Palestine, bringing back another collection of MSS., with sixteen palimpsests among them. In 1854 he explored different libraries in Switzerland and Germany, coming to England for the third time in 1855. In 1859 he made a third journey to the East, at the expense of the Russian Government, and succeeded in procuring the famous Sinaitic MS. of the fourth century. This was published in fac-simile, in four splendid volumes folio, in 1862. Intent upon new acquisitions, he visited Paris again in 1864; and England for the fourth time, in 1865. In 1866 he went to Florence, Rome, and Naples, prosecuting his favourite studies.

In the brief compass of a paragraph it is impossible to enumerate all, or even the majority, of his publications. The most important are the editions of the Sinaitic MS. (1862, 1863, 1865), the eighth critical edition of the Greek Testament (1864-1872), the 'Monumenta Sacra Inedita,' in (1864-1872), the 'Monumenta Sacra Inedita,' in seven large volumes (1855-1870), 'Novum Testamentum Vaticanum,' with Appendix (1867-1869), 'Codex Ephraemi Rescriptus' (1843-1845), 'Codex Amiatinus' (1850, 1854), 'Codex Claromontanus' (1852), 'Anecdota Sacra et Profana' (1855, 1860), three volumes of 'Apocryphal New Testament Literature' (1851-1866), and an edition of the Septuagint, in two volumes (1869, fourth edition) tuagint, in two volumes (1869, fourth edition). His last composition, 'Haben wir den aechten Schrifttext der Evangelisten und Apostel' (1873), has a list of his works at the end, which occupies six pages, closing with two he was preparing, 'Reliquiæ Græcarum Litterarum Antiquissimæ, and 'Palæographia Græca.'

Worldly distinctions were heaped upon the departed, and he valued them. After being Honorary Professor from 1850 till 1859, a professorship of Biblical paleography was created for was liberal towards him; most of all the Russian, which gave him titles of high rank. Cambridge conferred her LLD. upon him; Oxford, her D.C.L. He had a whole cabinet filled with ribbons,

medals, and other insignia.

The work to which he devoted his strength, and in which he spent thirty-two years of incessant toil, was the restoration of the sacred text by the best resources of science. With this view he published twenty editions of the Greek Testament, consisting of thirty thousand copies. Though the lamented Professor had a short career on earth, he accomplished much. "Being made perfect in a

short time, he fulfilled a long time." He died on the 7th of December, so that he had not completed the sixtieth year. As a textual critic of the New Testament, he was the first of his day. The eighth edition, completed just before his last illness, is a work of permanent value, where the primitive text is presented pretty closely. On it alone his fame may well rest. The prolegomena alas! are wanting.

Von Tischendorf had a sanguine temperament, His constitution was robust. Full of life, spirits, and energy, he seemed to have many years of activity before him. But he was suddenly smitten with paralysis, and succumbed. As a friend, he was kind, genial, hospitable, generous. His death is lamented by none more than by the present writer. who never dreamt that the affectionate parting from him in August, 1872, was to be the last. Be his memory fresh, as it is immortal.

BISHOPS AND CURATES IN THE SIXTEENTH CENTURY.

Harting, Petersfield. By the kindness of G. Raper, Esq., Keeper of the Archives of Chichester Cathedral, I have lately come upon a remarkable instance of the power of a bishop in the first days of the Reformation, and of soldier-like submission to discipline on the part of a clergyman, hard to parallel in these days. The document which describes this bears the date of 1548, and the bishop is George Day, one of the more conspicuous commissioners of Cranmer's Communion-Book (proclaimed March 8, 1547, and, in fact, the first Liturgy of the Reformed Church). Bishop Day was afterwards a compiler of the first edition of the Book of Common Prayer; and the accompanying extract, hitherto, I have reason to believe, unpublished, has a very high theological value at this moment, as showing the intention of the First Book of Common Prayer on the subject of Confession, by the light of the practice of one of its chief compilers. It will be practice of one of its chief compilers. It will be seen that the bishop orders his offending clerk, Robert Rustyn, vicar of Lodsworth, near Midhurst, to retract before his congregation expressions used by him in sermons and in private, chiefly against an aggrieved parishioner, Henry Humfrye, apparently the squire of Lodsworth, and to ask the forgiveness and intercession of all. The vicar's acknowledgment is full and ample, and has no acknowledgment is full and ample, and has no word of self-defence. He is not even allowed to plead "sæpe incautis pastoribus excidit ignis." Still, there is nothing abject in his apology; and, by the light of these days, bishop, clerk, and squire may seem heroic. Perhaps the only consolation the poor parson had was that on the day of his humilistics, his hisher presented his serroup. of his humiliation his bishop preached his sermon for him.

H. D. GORDON.

"Th'acknolychinge of Syr Robte Rustyn, curate at Lodysworthe (Lodsworth, near Midhurst), of certayne his mysdoings and sayings, Inyoinyd unto hym by yo Lorde Bisshope of Chychester and declaryd by the sayde P. Robie in the forsayde church in fest, corpus Christi Año Dñi m'voxlviii

"Masters & ffrynds I have byn callye callyde befor my Lorde of Chychester of Ordynarye for that (as I do now well p'cieve by my said Lords further informac'on) I dyd use myselfe noghtelye (naughtily) & undyscretlye in administeryng the Blessyd Com'unyon unto or neghtbare (neighbour) Henr Humfry here in this churche the Sondaye before the Rogac'on last passe' Like as ye shall hyar (hear) by my Doing and sayings hereafter foloying: The wiche I ame com'andyde by my said Ordinarye to opyn and declaire unto you

"That ys to saye Fyrste, wher I dyd aske of the saide Henrie the Saterdaye at most (most) befor he dyd receve the com'unyon whether I shulde come aboute & receve offearyngs of hym at the tyme of the recevyng of the said com'unyon or els whether he wolde bring bred & wyne with

"And also whereas I said openly in this Churche at the tyme of th'admynystrynge therof that ther shulde none of my p'yshioners from henceforthe receve this blessyd com'unyon except they shulde

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latly set forth by the Kings matte & his most honorable counsell.

"Item when the said Henr' had made a gen'all confessyon opynlye in the Churche at the tyme of Com'unyon sayinge that he dyd truste that gen'all confessyon to be sufficyant for the dyscharge of his conscyence/ I saide these words—'Well, neyghbours, here before God and you all I charge hym and Dyscharge myselfe.'

"Item when I said amongiste other con'ac'ons (conversations) unto the forsaid Henr. Humfrye at after Dynner the same daye that I dyd admynyster after Dynner the same daye that I dyd admynyster the saide blessed Com'unyon unto hym that I thought y he had playd Judas and that he had recewyd the Devell/ In thes my sayings I knolyche that I dyd use myselfe undiscreetlye noghtely &

uncharitable.

"Masters and ffrynds, in all the thes my doyngs and sayings I do opynly knolych myselfe to have don nought undiscretly and uncharitable and contrary unto th'ordre set forthe for th' administringe of the forsayd blessyd Com'unyon: wherefor I am sorye and here before you all humble aske forgivenes of Almightie God and of you all prayinge you to forgive me as mech as shall ye (lie?) in you. And ferthermore I do humbly submytte myselfe to take forther correction for my doyngs and sayings in this behalfe yf yt shallbe so seene unto the Ma^{ties} most honorable Counsell.

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"ffynalli (Finally) I do exhorte you all to preparamy realizes to come more oftener to receyve this blessyd Com'unyon devoutly and worthelye to the honor of God and comforte of yr own soulles and I shallbe righte glade to gyve & minister the same unto you, accordinge yt at all convenient Tymes."

Literary Sastip.

In our next number we shall give a series of articles on the Literature of Continental Countries during the year 1874. Among them will be Belgium, by MM. E. de Laveleye and P. Frédéricq; Bohemia, by Dr. J. Durdík; Denmark, by M. E. Jessen; France, by M. Gustave Masson; Germany, by Prof. Zimmermann; Greece, by Prof. Comnòs; Holland, by M. A. C. Loffeldt; Hungary, by Prof. Vambéry; Italy, by Prof. A. de Gubernatis; Servia and Croatia, by M. Popovic; Spain, by Don Riaño, &c.

In the next number of the Fortnightly Review will appear the first of two articles by Prof. Cairnes on Mr. Herbert Spencer's Theory of Social Evolution, and also a reply, by the author of 'Supernatural Religion,' to the criticisms of Canon Lightfoot. 'Supernatural Religion' is now said to be by Mr. Pusey,

a nephew of Dr. Pusey's.

THE English version of the 'Biography of Michel Angelo,' by Mr. Charles Heath Wilson, will be published by Messrs. Blackwood & Sons, simultaneously with the pub-

* Cranmer's Rubric to First Communion Book, 1547:—
"And every of the said consecrated Breads shall be broken in two pieces at the least, or more, by the discretion of the minister, and so distributed:

lication of Signor Gatti's work in Italian, and with the French and German translations.

THE monthly issue of Parliamentary Papers for November has sunk, not quite to zero, but to a minimum. The Reports and Papers are fourteen in number, and include a Return of all Joint Stock Companies formed from June 1, 1872, to December 31, 1873; and a Report on the rule of the road at sea, and the proceedings of the French Conseil d'Amirauté. The Papers by Command are thirteen; including a Return of Wrecks, Casualties, and Collisions during the Year 1873; the Report of the Army Medical Department for the Year 1872; and the General Report by Capt. Tyler on the Share and Loan Capital, Traffic, Working Expenditure, &c., of the Railway Companies of the United Kingdom for the Year 1873.

THE literature of the Church Disestablishment question in Scotland bids fair to assume as large dimensions as did that of the memorable disruption struggle. About a dozen pamphlets have, within the past few weeks, been published on the subject, and fresh ones are being almost daily announced.

WE have much pleasure in announcing that Mr. V. Fausböll, of Copenhagen, well known by his edition of the 'Dhammapada,' is engaged upon a collected edition of the Pali text of the entire Buddhist Jâtaka, to be completed in five volumes. A first instalment of 224 pages, containing the Nidâna (or introduction) and the first thirty-eight Jâtaka tales, will be ready shortly. A translation, uniform with the above, by Prof. R. C. Childers, is in progress, and will be published in the course of the coming year.

In an article on a French biographical in an article on a French biographical dictionary, a contemporary seems to express wonder at Mr. W. E. Baxter, M.P., and Mr. Henry Cole being described, among other things, as literary men. Mr. Baxter has published enough to give him, we think, a claim to the title, and Mr. Cole, under the name of Felix Summerley, wrote, in his early years a number of works full of charm years, a number of works full of charm.

Mr. W. de G. BIRCH is engaged upon an English translation of the 'Commentarios do Grande Afonso Dalboquerque' for the Hakluyt

THE new French Congress, that of the Americanists, to be held at Nancy, has been so well supported, that already seven hundred members are enrolled. Mr. William Bollaert, the writer on Peruvian antiquities, is a delegate for England.

THE Congress of Orientalists has so far been fortunate, that Mr. Trübner has devoted to its proceedings a special number of his Literary Record, or rather a small volume, for it is published in a separate form. This compact memoir, which contains a great mass of matter compressed together, will probably be sought for in India and the East, for it will give information much earlier than will be obtained from the volume to be issued to members. The magnificent first part or volume of the Paris Congress has only just appeared, with profuse Chinese and Japanese illustrations, and a second volume is in the press.

THE new Almanach de Gotha, which appeared on Monday last, contains an amusing misprint. The Vice President of the Council of India appears as "Sir Bartle, frère."

It is well known that Napoleon the First was never educated as a lawyer, nor a member of any legislative assembly, and that the short speeches about law which he uttered before the Conseil d'État, during the Consulate, were prepared for him by Cambacérès, who, by the way, had failed in the task entrusted to him by the Constituent Assembly of codifying the French civil law. The real authors of the Code Civil were Tronchet, Bigot de Préameneu, and Portalis; but the time of its publication coinciding with the assumption of the Imperial crown by the First Consul, the collection was called Code Napoléon. During the thirty-three years of the Restoration and the July Government, the code resumed its original and more natural title of Code Civil, but was again baptized Code Napoléon under the Second Empire. Now it is officially the Code Civil, although most of its recent editors and commentators persist in retaining the spurious title, in opposition to the law itself, which was passed in March, 1803. Thus, in many editions published in 1872-73, it is declared that no law is valid unless proclaimed by the Emperor; that no marriage may take place between uncle and niece, brother-in-law and sister-in-law, without the permission of the Emperor. The public prosecutor is called "Procureur Impérial," whilst no judge or barrister would dare now to call him otherwise than "Procureur de la République." The reason for such discrepancies lies much less in a settled intention to deny past events, or to foster desperate hopes, than in this material fact; all the editions of the Code Civil are generally stereotyped, and the publishers do not choose to incur the expense of setting it up again in types.

A VOLUME of poems, chiefly in the Lanca-shire dialect, by the late Mr. John Scholes, of Rochdale, will, we hear, be issued at an early date. Mr. Scholes was the author of a number of fugitive pieces which have not hitherto been published in a collected form.

Prof. VILLANI, it is announced, has completed his 'Machiavelli,' which is now in the press. The Professor has been at work upon it for the last ten years, and has united with it many important papers hitherto inedited.

THE matters at issue between the compositors working on weekly newspapers and their employers have been arranged after considerable negotiation. In future, any com-positor engaged on a weekly journal who works for more than sixty hours a week, will receive 3d. per hour for overtime in addition to the sum earned by composition.

WE are requested to say that the Eyre drawings in the Salt Library which are suspected of being forgeries, are contained in a portfolio not mentioned as an item in either Mr. Salt's Manuscript Catalogue or in the Catalogue printed arter his decease, although undoubtedly they were in his possession. The Trustees of the Library would be glad of any information about the previous owners of the contents of this portfolio. The portfolio contains, besides the Eyre drawings, some etchings purporting to be from drawings of the fortifications round London in Cromwell's time. They are said to have been offered for sale to the Corporation of London some twenty years ago, and refused. Mr. R. Flamank, jun., writes to us to say

that he raised the question of the genuineness of the drawing of Lichfield Cathedral so long ago as last August, and claims that to him is due the whole credit of discovering its spurious character. It seems to us that the first point to be settled is whether the drawings are spurious. That question had better be settled before Mr. Flamank's claims are discussed.

A Correspondent writes :-

"By the death of Mr. P. S. Fraser, at one time a bookseller in Edinburgh, that city has lost one who was well known in society. An excellent raconteur and mimic, the memory of Peter Fraser will not soon die in his native city. He who, as a contemporary of Wilson and his two sons-in-law, Aytoun and Gordon, and of Lord Robertson (all great Table-Talkers), could make himself the centre of attraction in whatever company he appeared, must have had no ordinary powers.

THE little fairy romance, called 'Prince Perindo's Wish,' just published, is from the pen of Mr. Thomas Constable, the printer, and the son of Sir Walter Scott's "Prince of Booksellers," and is illustrated by his son and partner, Mr. Archibald Constable.

OUR Lisbon Correspondent writes :-

"A new enterprise called the Companhia Litteraria, has been organized in Oporto for the publication of works on a large scale, the purpose being to disseminate ancient and modern Portuguese literature and to bring out editions of a high class. The object is most meritorious, and it is a pity that the subscribed capital as yet only reaches fifteen contos of reis, about 3,500%, a very small sum for so large an undertaking. It would be a step in the right direction should this enterprise endeavour to commence a better scale of payment for literary labour in Portugal, authors, journalists, and the class generally being much underpaid. It is true a reason exists in the small sale of books, a rule with few exceptions, the paucity of newspaper advertisements, and the low rates charged; for instance, an advertisement costing in the *Times* about six shillings can be inserted here in the first Lisbon journal for about six pence. A good feuilleton sometimes only brings the remuneration of fifteen shillings; and it is a pity that in this country, where there are men of letters of first-class talent, the rates of remuneration should be so totally inadequate. It is said the Oporto Company proposes to bring out a new edition de luxe of Camoens, to be illustrated by M. Gustave Doré. On the other hand, it is reported the authorities of the Lisbon Academy of Fine Art have been asked to name artists capable of producing twelve illustrations for the work. The finest edition of Camoens at present existing is that which Sousa Botelho undertook as a labour of love, and had published by Didot, of Paris, in 1817; it is commonly known as the edition of Morgado de Mattheus, and is well illustrated, but many critics cavil at the text. The work is now rare, and a good copy sometimes fetches as much as 30l.

A POSTHUMOUS contribution by the late Tom Hood will appear next month in Belgravia, and his sister, Mrs. Broderip, has supplied materials for a notice of him, which is to be published in the Gentleman's Magazine.

SCIENCE

Animal Mechanism. By E. J. Marey. (H. S. King & Co.)

WHEN Ludwig introduced the graphic method of investigation into physiology, he made an advance, the importance of which it would be difficult to over-estimate. Statements of a diametrically opposite nature were continually

being made by even the highest authorities, and there was no means of positively proving the accuracy of one or the other. Nevertheless, if the graphic method of recording dynamical phenomena had been left in the position in which Ludwig had placed it, its value as an aid to research would have been much less considerable than it is at the present time. It is M. Marey whom we have to thank for the introduction of most of the details which now form the indispensable elements of almost every recording apparatus. To him we are indebted for the sphygmograph, the recording tambour, and the ampoule, as well as many of the most important facts obtained by their employment. In the work before us, this illustrious physiologist gives us the results of his investigation on the different forms of animal locomotion. The human paces, as well as those of the horse, are examined in detail, much light being thrown upon both, especially the latter. But it is on the subject of flight that M. Marey has been most successful, his experiments adding a completeness and amount of detail to the original theory of Borelli, which has well nigh exhausted the subject. Borelli, on the assumption that a wing is composed of an anterior rigid bar, with a yielding posterior marginal membrane, showed how if that organ is made to move perpendicularly downwards and upwards, the body of the bird or insect to which it is attached must advance in the air, because during the descent its inferior surface would become directed backwards as well as downwards, and during the ascent forward and downwards. He left out of consideration the fact that in the wing the anterior margin is not strictly rigid, but is capable of yielding slightly in all directions. This element of the problem is introduced by Marey, who demonstrates, by a most logical sequence of experiments, that in the wing of the insect this slight flexibility of the anterior nervure causes a slight forward movement of the whole wing during the descent, and the reverse during the ascent; the total result being that its tip describes a figure-of-8 movement in space, which can be distinctly seen in a wasp, with a piece of gold-leaf on the end of the wing, if it is held in a sunbeam. Marey is also able to demonstrate, both in the insect and bird, that Borelli's assumption as to the change of wing-plane during the up and down stroke is correct, one most simple proof being that in the wasp just mentioned, the figure-of-8 is seen to be of different intensity in its two limbs, just like the two limbs of the printed figure, according to its position, this depending on the piece of gold-leaf being more or less inclined to the observer.

One of the most instructive results obtained with reference to the flight of birds, is the demonstration given of what is termed the double action of the wing, noticed by Liais. This physiologist was the first to show that between any two wing-flaps the body of the flying bird rises twice instead of once, as would be at first imagined. The downward stroke of the wing evidently causes the body of the bird to ascend to a certain amount, dependent on its intensity; but there is a second smaller ascent, which almost immediately follows the major one, and precedes the next stroke. This depends for its origin on a peculiarity in the construction of the wings themselves, which is quite worthy of special notice. On

looking at the outstretched wings of a pigeon it will be seen that those flight feathers (the secondary remiges) which are nearest the body of the bird have a different inclination to those (the primaries) which are further removed. Further, if the bird is placed in flying position, the nearer secondaries will. together, have their inferior surfaces directed slightly forwards, whilst the further primaries will face a little backwards. From this it is evident that the primaries, which, from being furthest removed from the shoulder joint, have the greatest range of movement, will propel the bird according to Borelli's theory, whilst the but slightly moving forward-directed secondaries will act as inclined planes to buoy the body up, immediately that any considerable onward velocity has been acquired. It is this buoying influence of the nearer flight-feather which, aided by the expanded tail, developes the second undulation demonstrated by M. Marey's graphic apparatus for recording the movement of the body of the bird in flight.

Turning from a consideration of details to the general character of the work before us, we may say that there are few books on any scientific subject which will better repay a careful study. There is a modest consciousness of power in its author's style which carries conviction with it, together with an absence of that desire for individual credit which is but too frequently manifest even in works of considerable scientific pretensions. With reference to his having shown how his new facts tend to verify the previous investigations of Borelli and Strauss-Durkheim, it is remarked by the author, "We have been reproached for relying on a theory which had its origin more than two centuries ago; we prefer an old truth to the most modern error; therefore we must be allowed to render to the genius of Borelli the justice which is due to him, and only claim for ourselves the merit of having furnished the experimental demonstration of a truth already suspected." This quotation also illustrates, in another way, the mental capacity of its author; for from it we must evidently infer that there is an absoluteness in scientific fact, the degree of relativity of which, in those who are in the habit of asserting the contrary, may in all cases be taken as inversely proportionate to the capacity of its promulgator.

This translation of 'La Machine Animale' will be thoroughly appreciated by all who are interested in the progress of natural science in this country.

GEOLOGICAL NOTES.

The practical advantages of Geology are well shown in the discovery of new coal-fields in Russia, and in the extension of the known coal areas, far beyond the limits previously assigned to them. In the district of Tula, south of Moscow, is a coalfield covering 13,000 square miles, with two seams of coal, one of three feet and the other of seven feet in thickness. On the shores of the Sea of Azoff is another field of 11,000 square miles, containing good seams of both anthracite and bituminous coal. It is reported that sixty seams have been discovered, forty-four of which are workable, having a total thickness of 114 feet. Another small coal-field has been discovered at the base of the Ural Mountains, but this is unimportant. It does not appear that any of these deposits belong to the true old coal formation. They are, nevertheless, of considerable value, and will greatly aid

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Among some fossils recently described by Prof.
M'Coy, of Melbourne, is an extinct wombat, from the gold-drifts of Victoria. This fossil, called Phascolomys phiocenus, is of much interest, as having enabled Prof. M'Coy to show that the milescent deposits whence it was derived instead. having enabled Prof. in Coy to show that the auriferous deposits whence it was derived, instead of being merely "alluvial," should be referred to the more ancient Pliocene period, thus corresponding in age with the gold-drifts of the Urals.

Prof. Owen has recently obtained evidence of the occurrence of a fossil mammal, allied to the "sea-cows" of the present day, in the upper part "sea-cows" of the present day, in the upper part of the Nummulitic Limestone, which is quarried in the Mokattam Cliff, near Cairo. The fossil has been named Eotherium Ægyptiacum, and is of interest as proving that the order Sirenia, to which it belongs, was represented as far back as the Eocene period.

Prof. Dana, in the new edition of his 'Manual Prof. Dana, in the new edition of his 'Manuai of Geology,' refers to the hypothesis that the bark of the Sigillaria may have been the source of much of our coal. He thinks there is no evidence "that these trees contributed only cortical portions to the beds of vegetable débris." This cortical section is the firmest part of the wood, and would remain even when the interior had decayed away. The trunks of conifers are often found in the later geological formations, changed throughout the in-

geological inflations, changed utrophous the in-terior completely to brown coal or lignite.

Dr. E. Carter Moffat, of Glasgow, describes, in the Chemical News for December 4th, the bitumithe Chemical News for December 4th, the bitum-nous deposits in the Valley of the Pescara, South Italy. He states that the limestone with which the bitumen is impregnated varies in character and composition in several of the mines; while the mineral is always calcareous, it is, in the generality of places, magnesium limestone, but in a few of them it is ground and selenite.

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In the American Journal of Science and Arts for November will be found a paper, by Mr. James D. Dana, 'On the Serpentine Pseudomorphs and other kinds from the Tilly Foster Iron-Mine,' Putnam County, New York. The remarkable changes which have taken place in the Serpentine rocks are carefully examined, and, as it appears, satisfactorily accounted for. The paper is to be continued.

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Mr. W. M. Gabb writes to the editor of the

American Journal of Science from Costa Rica,
informing him of his exploration of the Valley of

Talamanca, and of the geology of Costa Rica gene-Talamanca, and of the geology of Costa Rica generally. He decides one very interesting point:
"Geologically, Pico Banco must henceforward be erased from the list of volcanoes. It is the culminating point of granite intrusion from below Miocene rocks. . . . It is only a dyke laid bare by denudation, and does not extend 300 feet below the summit."

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A paper 'On the Mechanism of Stromboli,' by Mr. R. Mallet, published in the last number of the Proceedings of the Royal Society, has called forth a critical article by Mr. G. Poulett-Scrope, in the December number of the Geological Magazine. In order to explain the rhythmical explosions of this volcano, Mr. Mallet has suggested that a geyser, or intermittent fountain of boiling water, may be situated beneath the lava, which is thus projected into the air at each outburst of the water. Mr. Scrope maintains that the phenomena of Stromboli are not essentially different from those of other volcanoes, and dismisses the geyser theory as wholly unnecessary and highly improbable.

Sir Antonio Brady has printed, for private circulation, a Catalogue of his collection of Pleistocene Vertebrata, from the neighbourhood of Ilford, in Essex. The catalogue has been prepared by Mr.

Essex. The catalogue has been prepared by Mr. William Davis, of the British Museum, and contains a sketch of the geology of Ilford, by Messrs. Henry Woodward and W. Davies. Sir Antonio contributes some introductory remarks.

ASTRONOMICAL NOTES.

At the meeting of the Royal Astronomical Society held on the 11th inst., the Astronomer-Royal gave an account of the information which

had been received of the observations of the Transit of Venus. On the whole, and as far as at present known, they appear to have fully come up to expectation. Taking into account the respective value of the different localities as such and their value of the different localities as such and their distribution, Sir George Airy stated that he considered the amount of success more than half that of observation at all the reported stations. The Egyptian party, under the able superintendence of Capt. Orde Browne, obtained good observations at Cairo, Thebes, and Suez. At the more distant stations, in Australia, Japan, China, India, Siberia, and Persia, observations were made at a considerable number, some more or less interfered with by and Persia, observations were made at a considerable number, some more or less interfered with by cloud, and a large quantity of photographs were taken—a method of observation which, the Astronomer-Royal remarked, possesses the peculiar advantage of "having no nerves." Most of the telegrams came by Reuter's agency; and these were unaccompanied by the names of the observers. It is noteworthy that the first of all the communications which reached Greenwich came from Royakee in India.

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The splendid glass, twenty-six inches in diameter, which is attached to the large telescope, equatorially mounted in November, 1873, by the firm of Alvan Clark & Sons, at the United States Naval Observatory, Washington, was employed last winter and spring in a series of observations of those difficult objects, the satellite of Neptune and the four satellites of Uranus. Two of the latter, now known as Titania and Oberon, were discovered by Sir W. Herschel, who Oberon, were discovered by Sir W. Herschel, who thought he also detected four others, the existence of which must now be considered to be disproved. of which must now be considered to be disproved. The other two satellites, which are nearest the planet, and much fainter than Herschel's two, were discovered by Mr. Lassell, at Malta, who established their orbital motion in 1851, and named them Ariel and Umbriel. An attempt has recently been made to show that these also were observed by Sir W. Herschel; but the evidence addread is quite insufficient to prove that the adduced is quite insufficient to prove that the observations in question were of satellites, and these excessively minute objects were probably beyond the reach of his instrumental means. The confirmation of Mr. Lassell's discoveries, afforded confirmation of Mr. Lassell's discoveries, afforded by the recent Washington observations, which were principally made by Prof. Newcomb in January, February, and March, of the present year, is extremely satisfactory and valuable. Other interesting observations, possible only with a glass of such transcendent power, may be confidently anticipated from the same place.

THE PERILS OF COMPILATION.

December 15, 1874.

In the last number of your journal, Mr. Charles O'Neill charges me with having inserted passages from two of his published works in my 'Handbook of Dyeing and Calico Printing,' without acknowledgment, and he concludes his letter by saying that I must surely know that etiquette, if not justice, required a specific acknowledgment of my sources of information.

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I nave already frankly admitted to Mr. O'Neill is, the acknowledgment due to him had not been given; and I expressed my deep regret that such an omission had been made. Mr. O'Neill is, therefore, already possessed of the fact that I would not, on any consideration, have knowingly withheld the acknowledgment which was justly due to him. due to him.

Whether acting as editor, author, or compiler, I have always been careful in quoting the views or language of others, to give due prominence to the language of others, to give due prominence to the name of the writer, or the source from which I have obtained information. It will, however, be readily understood, that, in a work of such magnitude as my 'Handbook of Dyeing,' it was absolutely necessary for me, in searching through the numerous English and foreign works connected with the subject, to avail myself of the services of gentlemen possessing special acquaintance with the different branches of which my work treats. Amongst others, I secured the services of a friend, now unhappily deceased, of great scientific attainments, well skilled in the various branches of dyeing and printing, and acquainted with the machinery employed therein on the Continent as well as in England. In this case, which I believe is a solitary one, he unfortunately omitted to see that the source from which he took information

that the source from which he took information was acknowledged, and when engaged in revising the MSS. and proofs, I failed to detect the similarity to which Mr. O'Neill, I have said that the omission should certainly be rectified in all future editions of the work; and, although in acknowledging the receipt of my letter, he says that he is not satisfied with this, he makes no suggestion which would mend matters. Had he proposed any other reasonable course, which would have remedied the error, I would most willingly have adouted it.

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AFRICAN EXPLORATION.

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ROYAL.—Dec. 10.—Dr. Hooker, C.B., President, in the chair.—The following papers were read; 'The Development of the Teeth of the Newt, Frog, Slowworm, and Green Lizard,' 'On the Structure and Development of the Teeth'of the Ophidia,' by Mr. C. S. Tomes,—'On the Effect of Heat on Iodide of Silver,' 'On the Co-efficient of Expansion of a Paraffine of High-boiling Point,' by Mr. G. F. Rodwell,—'Experiments showing the Paramagnetic Condition of Arterial Blood as compared with the Diamagnetic Condition of Venous Blood,' by Dr. Shettle,'—and 'On the Multiplication of Definite Integrals,' by Mr. W. H. L. Russell.

Society of Arts.—Dec. 16.—Mr. W. Newmarch in the chair.—Six new Members were proposed for election.—The discussion on Mr. Bramwell's paper, 'On the Expediency of Protection for

Inventions,' was again resumed.—Col. Strange, Messrs. H. T. Wood, L. Smith, T. Ashton, and E. A. Cowper, were amongst the speakers.—It was decided that Mr. Bramwell's reply should take place last night (Friday).

MATHEMATICAL. - Dec. 10 .- Prof. H. J. S. Smith, President, in the chair.—The earlier part of the meeting was made special, and the following changes were, after discussion, made in the Society's rules, viz.:—"That in future there shall be an entrance fee of one guinea, and that the life composition shall be ten guineas." Rule 36 was ordered to be cancelled.—Mr. W. D. Niven was admitted into the Society; Messrs. H. Hart and E. J. Naneon were elected Members; and the following gentlemen were proposed for election: Messrs. J. W. Russell, C. M. Leudesdorf, E. B. Elliott, H. M. Jeffery, C. Smith, and B. Williamson.—The Chairman, on the recommendation of the Council, nominated Drs. Klein, Kronecker, and Zeuthen for the honour of Foreign Membership.—Prof. Cayley read his paper 'On the Potentials of Polygons and Polyhedra.'—Mr. Tucker gave a sketch of the contents of two letters from M. Mannheim to Mr. J. J. Sylvester, 'On Three and Seven Bar Motion.'

ANTHROPOLOGICAL INSTITUTE. - Dec. 8.-J. E. Price, Esq., in the chair.—Capt. H. Dillon was elected a Member.—Mr. M. J. Walhouse read a paper 'On the Existence of a Leaf-wearing Tribe on the Western Coast of India.' The author's residence at Mangalore for some years afforded him the opportunity of studying the habits of the native tribes of South Canara, and in the present communication he recorded a few facts concerning the Karagars, a remnant, now numbering only a few hundreds, of the aboriginal slave casts, whose distinctive peculiarity was the habit of wearing aprons of woven twigs and green leaves over the usual garments. The custom, at present, is observed by the women only, who think that discarding it will bring them ill luck. The author maintained that the leaf was a badge of degradation, and was the survival of a very ancient custom. The unswerving truthfulness of the Karagars is proverbial, and should be remarked as affording a refutation of Mr. Mill's assertion that savages are invariably liars.—A paper, by Mr. R. Pennington, was read, 'On some Tumuli and Stone Circles near Castleton, Derbyshire.' It comprised a full account of the exploration of the barrow of Elden Hill, measuring forty-nine feet in diameter, which yielded bones of man, horse, and rat in great abundance, and a red-deer's antier that had been worked. A few feet deeper was discovered a grave containing a skeleton of a young person that had been buried in a contracted position, and no implements were found with it, but it appeared to have been interred with much barbaric pomp. On the top of Siggett Hill was another barrow, of somewhat less dimensions, in which was found a fine skeleton, with an urn of the usual type, containing burnt bones. Evidence was adduced to prove that the corpse was not burnt until after the funeral feast was concluded, and the bones of the animals eaten were cast at the same time and into the same fire with the human body. This was one of those barrows which had led the author to conclude that in Derbyshire, at any rate, no connexion can be established between the Neolithic age and contracted burial, and the Bronze age and incremation. -Major Godwin-Austen contributed some further notes on the Stone Monuments of the Khasi Hills.

MEETINGS FOR THE ENSUING WEEK. Mos. Society of Arts 8.—'Alcohol: its Action and its Use,' Lecture III., Dr. B. W. Richardson (Canfor Lecture).

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Anthropological Institute, 8.—'Early Modes of Navigation, tracing the Development of hip-Forms,' Col. A. L. Fox.

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THE obituary list read at the Anniversary Meeting of the Royal Society furnishes another instance, if another be wanted, that science is favourable to longevity. The total number of deaths within the year, i. e., from November 30, 1873, to November

30, 1874, was fourteen. Of these, three were under seventy years; five, Sir W. Jardine, Sir J. R. Martin, Prof. J. Phillips, Sir F. Smith, and E. H. Stirling, were between seventy and eighty; five between eighty and ninety years; and one, Sir G. Rose, ninety-four years. Looking at the last five, we see that Sir John Rennie died at eighty-one, Prof. R. E. Grant at eighty-two, Sir W. Fairbairn at eighty-three, and Dr. Arnott and Rev. J. W. Bellamy each at eighty-six. These are remarkable facts, suggestive of matter for consideration. The present number of the Society is 525, of whom Sir Edward Sabine is now the father. He was elected a Fellow in 1818, and is the last of the men elected within the second decade of the century. Of Fellows elected within the period 1820-1829, there remain eighteen who now take rank as veterans. Among them we remark the names of Thomas Ball, Dr. Bosworth, Sir John Davis, the Duke of Devonshire, the Earl of Enniskillen, Earl Stanhope, the Dean of Salisbury, Sir J. G. S. Lefevre, Sir C. Lyell, Sir Woodbine Parish, Mr. G. P. Scrope, Sir G. Shuckburgh, and Sir R. Vyvyan. In this list of veterans, Sir J. Lefevre, when we have Lefevre takes precedence, having been elected in

Dr. Gray, who has been employed in the British Museum upwards of fifty years, has formally resigned his appointment as Keeper of the Zoo-logical Department. He has, during that period, upon a very moderate yearly grant, formed the most complete zoological collection in the world, prepared or superintended the publication of two hundred catalogues of different parts of the Zoological Collection, many illustrated with plates of the most interesting specimens, and several of them have undergone two or three editions, as the collection has enlarged. He has, at the same time, published several independent works, many of them illustrated with plates, and more than one thousand memoirs and communications to the Transactions of the different scientific Societies and scientific magazines, independently of numerous communications on educational, social, and commercial questions of the day to various periodicals, and has been a frequent contributor to

MR. G. HENRY KINAHAN, of H.M. Geological Survey, has in the press a book on 'Valleys and their connexion with Faults, Fissures, and Joints.'

THE President of the Royal Society, in his Anniversary Address, has sided with the advanced thinkers, who, looking on work as its own best reward, find much to censure in the prevailing custom of giving a medal as a reward for merit. Dr. Hooker leads us to infer that the ques-tion "of the expediency of recognizing scientific services and discoveries by such trivial awards as medals" has been raised, as also the further question as to "the extent to which the awards entrusted to the Royal Society are depreciated by their multiplication." These are plain words—too plain, perhaps, for a time when advocacy of "encouragement to workers" has become a party cry; but they are full of significance, Dr. Hooker, though he objects to the "trivial" form of recognition, is not opposed to all forms, for he says, My own opinion has long been that some more satisfactory way of recognizing distinguished merit than by the presentation of a medal might be devised, and that the award might take a form which would convey to the public a more prominent and a more permanent record of the services of the recipients." What this form shall be is now the question that awaits solution.

THE International Congress of Geographers is to open in Paris on the 31st of next March. There are to be seven questions; and a programme of questions for discussion has been issued, containing 123 topics. No theological or political controversies will be allowed.

CAPT. FRANCIS OATES, of Botallack Mine, St. Just, Cornwall, who, a few years since, obtained the gold medal of the Science and Art Department, and who has otherwise distinguished himself in science, has been appointed by the Crown Agents for the Colonies as Superintending Mining Engineer for the African Diamond Fields. Thi appointment of a thoroughly practical miner, and a well-educated man of science to this important office is much to be commended.

Mr. Robert Carrington, of the Draughtsman's Department of the Hydrographic Office, Admiralty, has been nominated to the Indian Marine Survey under Capt. Taylor.

Mr. W. Phillips is preparing to publish, under the title of 'Elvellacei Britannici,' dried specimens of British Fungi, belonging to the genera included in the order Elvellacei of the Rev. M. J. Berkeley' 'Outlines of Fungology,' and Mr. M. C. Cooke's 'Handbook of British Fungi.'

M. Bior stated that the proportion of oxygen in the swimming-bladder of fishes increased with the depth from which the fish were taken. M. Moreau has recently made some experiments, which completely confirm M. Biot's statement.

THE Assistant-Secretary of the Meteorological Society, Mr. William Marriott, has published a very useful table to facilitate the determination of the dew-point from indications of the wet and dry thermometers, which allows any one to obtain the dew-point at inspection without going through several calculations.

An official return of the number and characters of the steam-boiler explosions in Prussia, between the years 1864 and 1872, has been published in Verhandlungen des Vereins zur Beförderung des Gewerbesleisses in Preussen. During these nine years there were 111 explosions, resulting in 164 deaths.

In the last number of Leonhard and Geinitz's Neues Jahrbuch, Prof. Vom Rath, of Bonn, publishes a biographical sketch of Dr. Hessenberg, who died on the 8th of last July, at the age of sixty-four. Although carrying on an active business at Frankfort-on-the-Main, Dr. Hessenberg was an accomplished crystallographer and mineralogist, and in recognition of his scientific labours had received an honorary degree from the University of Berlin. Dr. Hessenberg's scientific education was self-acquired, and mineralogy did not engage his attention until after he was thirty years of age. Vom Rath publishes selections Hessenberg's correspondence, including some MS. notes on the collections in the British Museum and the Museum of Practical Geology, made during a visit to England in 1868.

FINE ARTS

Will Closs on Thursday, the 24th inst. EXHIBITION of CABINET PICTURES in OIL, Dudley Galler, syptian Hall, Piccadilly.—The EIGHTH ANNUAL EXHIBITION. Open daily from 10 till 5.—Admittance, 1s.; Catalogue, 6d.—GEORGE L. HALL, Hon. Sec.

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IS NOW OPEN, the NINTH EXHIBITION of the SOCIETY of FRENCH ABTISTS, 168, New Bond Street. Daily, from Half-past Nine till Six.—Admission, One Shilling. The Galleries are lighted at dusk.

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DORÉS GREAT PIOTURE of 'CHRIST LEAVING the PRI-TORIUM,' with 'Dream of Pilate's Wife,' 'Night of the Crudikies,' 'Christian Martyrs,' 'Crusaders,' &c., at the DORÉ GALLER, 33, New Bond Street. Ten to Six.—la—Brilliantly lighted at dusk sai on dull days.

Military and Religious Life in the Middle Ages and at the Period of the Renaissance. By Paul Lacroix (Bibliophile Jacob). Illustrated. (Chapman & Hall.)

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on his researches in the same direction, producing from time to time handsome and valuable volumes, of which this now before us is the third in English. The other two portions, 'The Arts of the Middle Ages' and 'Manners, Customs, and Dress of the Middle Ages,' and the French originals, we have already reviewed. It is but the other day that a fourth part of this series of works appeared in Paris, and it will, in due time, be translated and issued in an English dress. The book before us will be welcome to all students, as every one of the publications has been which bear the name of "Bibliophile Jacob." In general appearance these volumes, from the first to the fourth, French as well as English, are similar: the bindings and the style of printing are similar, and the illustrations are the same in all cases; yet it is to be regretted that the English editions are decidedly inferior to those which come from Paris in the general "get-up" of the volumes—the margins are smaller, and the binding is not equal to that of the original volumes. Nevertheless, the English issue is a handsome one, and among the most splendid, as it is decidedly among the most useful and tasteful books of the season. Handsome, and not merely "fine," 'Military and Religious Life in the Middle Ages' is a gift-book of the highest class, suited for the study as well as for the drawing-room table.

In the volumes formerly issued, M. Lacroix had to deal with something more definite than that which forms the subject of this third work; for now, in place of arts and customs, he treats of motives of the head and heartthe inspirers of generations of men and women during the centuries intervening between the classic Paganism and that which was its echo, the so-called "Renaissance." The new subject is richer in matter for thought, not less fruitful, and far less restricted to the exposition of research pure and simple. In fact, 'Military and Religious Life' is a more philosophical subject, if not less antiquarian in its character, than its forerunners have been; so that the reader must expect to find in its pages numerous attempts to solve as well as to illustrate social problems of the utmost gravity, and to display the force and direction of those prodigious streams of national energy which had play in so many directions during that supremely interesting period which we are accustomed to call the Middle Ages: feudalism, a tremendous reservoir of power; and the crusades, those marvellous currents which here, as elsewhere, are treated of solely from the so-called Christian side of the question, as if there was not also an Oriental one, which is ne less pathetically than vigorously shown in the Moorish and other chronicles of the non-Christian peoples.

First, of the illustrations of the work now before us, let it be said that they are admirable. Among them are surpassingly brilliant illuminations, reproduced in gold and colours by M. Kellerhoven, of Paris, who is renowned throughout Europe for works of the class. They are full of brilliancy and true to the varying characteristics of the originals. MM. Régamey and Allard have contributed their skill to the transcription of the examples. There are likewise more than four hundred excellent wood engravings, which are models in their way, and replete with spirit and interest.

The book is divided into chapters, each of which treats of a distinct subject; the whole being composed with care and tact by the accomplished author, so as to give a con-secutive series of descriptions and analyses of the various branches of the subject. These sections, at least the more important of them, are concerned with War and Armies, Naval Matters, Duels and Tournaments, Knightly Orders, Liturgies and Ceremonies, the Popes, Religious Orders, Pilgrimages, Heresies, the Inquisition, as concerns the Protestant as well as the Roman Catholic Persecutions, Funeral Ceremonies, &c. To treat, with anything like an approach to completeness, a single one of these diversified themes is, of course, beyond the author's means and intention; but the reader will find a lively and comprehensive essay on the general aspect of each of them, and its relationship to the others. The work is, therefore, complete in its way, and is likely to become a valuable manual for English use, as it has been in France since its publication there. We must limit our attention to two of the sections, and we choose, in order to show the character of the volume, the chapters on "Naval Matters" and "The Secular Clergy," both of which have closer connexion with Art than is commonly sus-

pected. First, let us note that the military engines, used at sea as well as on land, were, during the mediæval period, almost identical with those of the Romans, as represented on the Trajan Column, and so well described in Mr. Pollen's monograph on that monument recently issued by the authorities at South Kensington. The ram, cat, catapult, and balista were antiquities at least as old as the Cæsars. It was much the same with regard to the forms of ships and modes of propelling them. The Middle Ages were the heirs of antiquity, and made scarcely any improvements of this kind; and, European resources being no longer concentrated in few hands, naval power was divided, and navies of later ages could not compete with the fleet of Theodoric, which, for Italy alone, consisted of a thousand dromons, or large galleys. The flag-ship of the Emperor Leo's fleet was recommended to be rowed by a hundred oars in each tier. The galley proper was smaller than the dromon, and the galion or galiot was smaller still. The largest known galley of the period was that mentioned by Matthew Paris as having been encountered by Richard the First, June 3, 1191, on the coast of Syria, carrying reinforcements to the Saracens, who were then besieging Acre. This portentous craft bore a huge tower on its poop, and was wafted by immense sails, spread on three masts, and driven by long oars, moved rhythmically. Richard's sailors hesitated to tackle so huge a vessel, but the King urged them on, and, notwithstanding the arrows and Greek fire, the latter contained in glass vases, which were hurled on them, they compelled the Arab to attempt flight. The English galleys rammed the dromon, burst its sides, and sank it with all on board. Besides these craft there were the pamphile, the chélandre, or sélandre, so well known to all readers of naval matters during this period, the taride, the huissier, which seems to have been a horse-transport, the chatte, a ram of a hundred oars, rowed by two hundred men, the sagettes, the baliner, and the brigantin. The galéasse was a large

craft, each of the oars of which required six or seven men to work it. These were vessels of war. There were, besides, and equally borrowed from antique types, the coque, a sort of bilander, the buss, the name of which, as well as its services, still survives, the carrack, galiot, the latter being properly a sailing-ship, and occasionally of enormous dimensions. For instance, the so-called great carack of Venice carried three hundred guns and five hundred soldiers, besides the sailors of the crew. She was caught in the lagoon by a hurricane. She heeled over, for this tremendous craft was by no means exempt from this defect of modern ships; her guns shifted to the port side; she capsized, and went down in sight of Venice. Probably the most famous of all the forms of craft used at this period was the caravel, so well adapted for voyages of discovery, that nearly every one of the great navigators employed ships of this character, and in them performed feats of seamanship which are absolutely astounding. The grace, the lightness, the fine outlines, the audacity, and the speed of the caravel recommended it to the hardy mariners who sailed in search of new continents across the Atlantic Ocean. Narrow at the poop, wide at the prow, having a double tower at the stern and a single one at its bows, the caravel carried four vertical masts, and one inclined one. Two square sails were bent on the foremast, while the three others each bore a single triangular one. The caravel sailed as well against the wind as before it, and tacked as easily as a row-boat. So numerous were, severally, the fleets of the Middle Ages, that St. Louis mustered at Aigues-Mortes eighteen hundred vessels, large and small, some of which carried a thousand passengers, and some a hundred horses.

Englishmen may remember that when Edward the First claimed the sovereignty of the seas, he had his effigies stamped on coin, seated, crowned, and armed with his sword, in the middle of a vessel, the shape and rig of which were very like those of the caravel, which continued in use long after, for in a sketch attributed to Columbus himself we have a picture of the caravel in which he discovered America. The seals of many English maritime towns furnish M. Lacroix with representations of craft used in the British Seas, e.g., Dover, Yarmouth, Sandwich, which illustrates the perilous operation of taking in a reef, Poole, Boston.

M. Lacroix tells us something about the laws which governed ports and ships. Mr. Plimsoll may be glad to learn what a mediæval Government found practicable in the way of security for the lives of voyagers.

It is to the credit of these benighted ages, too often accused of barbarism and social anarchy, that in most of the Mediterranean ports overseers were appointed, whose special duty it was to inspect and survey everything connected with voyages beyond the sea—that is to say, voyages to the Holy Land. These officers settled all differences between the passengers or pilgrims and the ship-owners or captains, according to the terms of their reciprocal contracts. One part of their duties was carefully to measure the space assigned to each passenger, to see that each individual had his proper allotment, so as to secure that all were made as comfortable as possible for the voyage, which usually lasted twenty-five or thirty

days." "Certain seasons of the year were, however, considered dangerous, during which all navigation was absolutely forbidden by law. Already, in the fourth century, the magistrates entrusted with naval matters closed the sea from the third day of the Ides of November to the sixteenth of the Ides of March; in the thirteenth century the season opened in April, and closed in October.".... "Galleys were frequently used in commercial ventures as soon as they were launched, underwent a minute inspection by the overseers, who, after satisfying themselves of the solidity of their construction, gauged their capacity, and marked the water-line on their side, beyond which it was illegal to load them." We commend the passage we have marked in Italics to Mr. Plimsoll, his friends and opponents. We cannot but regard as fanciful the sketches given here from Végèce's 'L'Art Militaire,' 1532, of submarine warriors, who fought with helmets, swords, and shields. No means for supplying the soldiers with air are shown in these lively designs. The naked diver who carried air in a bottle was not much better off than the imaginary submarine man-at-arms who had nothing of the sort. Towers built on the decks of ships were surely older than the tenth century. Montfaucon and Winckelman show antique Greek biremes with embattled castles on their decks. The Roman naves turritæ were long anterior to the days of Leo, and are mentioned by Cæsar, Florus, Dion, Plutarch, and other writers. The modern term "forecastle" is owing to the structures used in antiquity.

As to the Secular Clergy, we have general history of their development from Apostolic times, including the institution of the parochial ministry by way of relieving the clergy of the cathedrals. It appears that it was not until the sixth century that the parochial clergy celebrated the entire Liturgy of the communion; in the next age they gained complete powers with regard to the subordinates of the Church. We have a curious and highly instructive copy from an illumination of the ninth century, showing how a priest celebrated the offices of his worship in a private oratory, before a family assembled; the differing expressions of the individuals are amusingly characteristic. The priest is censing, with an air of supreme self-satisfaction. The Roman catacombs reveal the fact that the presbyters, afterwards priests, had special duties allotted to them, besides the service of the altar, e.g., a priest-doctor, guardian, overseer, archivist, and school-master. We need not enter on the details which occur here, suffice it that the text embraces a good general sketch of the history of the secular branch of the Roman Catholic Church. It is very amusing to find that Cajetan is exalted, and Luther styled "the German pervert" in the latter portion of this history. In this portion the reader must be prepared for a decided anti-Protestant leaning on the part of the author. The Albigenses, besides being called Manichees, are styled "an ignorant and brutal populace," on whom the saintly Dominic righteously called down vengeance: "O Lord, let thy hand smite them, that thy punishment may at least open their eyes."

GIFT BOOKS

ONE of the best publications of its class which has appeared during the present season is Michael Angelo Buonarroti, Sculptor, Painter, Architect, by C. C. Black (Macmillan); a handsomely-printed, well-illustrated, and tastefully-bound volume, containing what the compiler styles a "Story," because he makes no higher claim for his work than is implied by that term, and does not consider it a biography. Mr. Black says that, as not consider it a biography. Mr. Black says that, as the Italian Government is about to issue an official life of the artist, no "presumptuous intruder" should venture into the same field of studies. His object has been to bring together the usually accepted facts of Michael Angelo's career, and to commemorate the benefit derived from close study of the artist's works during a lengthened stay in Florence and Rome. It is needless to say that Mr. Black is a profound admirer of the genius and character of his hero. He has arranged his materials in chronological order, and illustrated them by a good deal of discriminating criticism on the career and tastes of Leo the Tenth, to whom our author is far from paying the usual tribute of weak admiration. Besides the biography, or "Story," this work com-prises letters of Buonarroti's, a chronological list of the principal events of his life, notices of his manuscripts, classified catalogues of his principal works in painting, sculpture, and architecture, catalogues of drawings, paintings, and models in England and in foreign galleries, notices of his poems, a tolerably extensive bibliography of Michael Angelo and his works, and a good Index. The book is enriched with twenty excellent permanent photographs from statues, pictures, and drawings. For those who cannot afford to wait for the biography to be issued in Italy, of the approaching publication of which we have made mention in another column, this volume will suffice, for it is about the best work that has appeared on the subject as a whole. It is written with tact and spirit, and its criticisms are in-

The Complete Angler; or, Contemplative Man's Recreation, by Izaak Walton, Illustrated (Chatto & Windus), contains sadly worn impressions from the plates of Stothard and Inskipp. The text is that of Sir Hārris Nicolas, which is a monument of love for a subject that has taken possession of numbers of people. Being a fairly good reprint of the memorable book in its best form, the volume will be welcome to many readers of the present generation; to these we recommend it.

The Vanity Fair Album, by Jehu, Junior (Vanity Fair Office), has reached its sixth series, and in form is an improvement on its forerunners, being better printed, on better paper, and handsomer far, as a whole. The caricatures are not less spirited than formerly; and they are all by "Ape." The biographical notices certainly do not fail in piquancy, and are probably better, because a trifle more bitter, than those of previous series of the work. Some of the satiric touches are exceedingly keen, and not the less amusing, when they glance obliquely from their proper subjects at other men, not named but clearly indicated. Since "Ape" designed and modelled the immortal statuette of the late Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. Robert Lowe, standing on a match-box,—a work which we take to be the consummation of current personal satire,—he has done nothing much better than the picture before us of Mr. Albert Grant, M.P., which is in a vein entirely different from that which is so richly displayed in Mr. J. W. Huddleston, and is a masterpiece of characterization, far better than a mere caricature. Mr. Henley, M.P., is good in its way; provocative of much laughter of no ill-natured sort is the portrait of Mr. Cross. "Earl Stanhope" is, superficially, capital; pictorially, "Lord Sandhurst" is very good; but the "Duke of Devonshire" receives ruer justice in a kindly literary comment than in the picture, which is good in no respect.

Picture Logic; or, the Grave made Gay, by A. Swinbourne (Longmans).—This is a well-intended and not unamusing attempt, more elaborate than it at first sight promises to be, to popularize "Logic" by combining humorous pictures with

examples of reasoning taken from daily life. The "pictures" are slight sketches made by the author. We cannot say much in favour of the aketches, they are decidedly feeble in wit and in art; but the letter-press we can recommend to those who like to work hard for amusement, according to the English rule. Such persons may, having mastered Mr. Swinbourne's dissertations, gain by them more than they had reason to expect.

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The Christian Year re-appears in an attractive form in Messrs. Cassell, Petter & Galpin's latest issue before us. The volume is neatly printed, and illustrated with agreeable, trivial, and yet suitable woodcuts, landscapes, and decorative borders, of which the former are the better. The design for the binding is, although rather formal, both good and tasteful.

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The Language of Flowers; or, Floral Emblem,
Thoughts, Feelings, and Sentiments, by Robert
Tyas (Routledge & Sons), and Floral Possy
(Warne & Co.), both illustrated with pictures in
colour, have a subject in common. The former
treats of the symbolism in question in prose paragraphs, which are descriptive and sentimental;
the latter comprises extracts from beautiful poems
and short pieces of poetry on flowers. The former
cannot be called a guide to the so-called language
of flowers; the latter contains some of the most
charming verses in the language. The former
exhibits many prettily drawn groups of flowers;
the latter is decorated with conventional illuminations of similar objects, like those in late medieval
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Prince Perindo's Wish: a Fairy Romance, by T. C. (Edinburgh, Edmonston & Douglas), consists of a pretty tale "for youths and maidens," with poor illustrations, and agreeable vignettes of less pretensions. We have mentioned in another column from whose near it proceeds.

column from whose pen it proceeds.

Among the Trees, by W. Cullen Bryant (New York, Putnam & Sons; London, Low & Co.), is illustrated with woodcuts from designs by Mr. J. M'Entee, which are very pretty indeed, and extremely well suited to the poem. The subjects are landscapes, drawn with great neatness and skill, but rather weak in their style.—The Children's Prize, edited by J. E. Clarke (Gardner), contains tolerably good stories and short paragraphs for the use of infants, and numerous wretched woodcuts.—From Nowhere to the North Pole, by the late Tom Hood (Chatto & Windus), is a readable and amusing story for young children, with woodcuts, some of which are fairly good, the greater number of no account.—A Choice Collection of Queens and Kings and Other Things (same publishers) contains numerous pictures, gorgeously printed in gold and colours, and nonsense rhymes, of which latter it is just to state that we have seldom read such utter rubbish. There is some quaint spirit in the pictures, but it is apt to be of a vulgar rather than a humorous kind. The effective binding, coarse and showy as it is, is the more artistic part of the volume.—Little Wideawake: a Story-book for Little Children, by Mrs. S. Barker (Routledge & Sons), contains many short and spirited little tales, all tending to the improvement of mankind, illustrated with numerous woodcuts, the greater number of which are capital, comprising not a few which are far above the average.—Chatterbox, and Sunday Reading for the Young (Gardner), contain a considerable number of weak woodcut illustrations and readable paragraphs, the latter being acceptable enough for the amusement of children.

Messrs. Marcus Ward & Co. send us a box containing a capital collection of Christmas Cards, scented sachets, illuminated note-paper and envelopes, comprising enough to delight a host of boys and girls, mostly printed in gold and colours, with spirited designs, pictorial and decorative, and including Christmas Pictures, by H. S. Marks, A.R.A., which are first-rate in all respects. These pretty trifles cannot fail to charm those for whom they are intended; they constitute a rich collection of materials for little surprises to little folks.

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JOHN LINNELL, SENIOR'S, PICTURES .- CAUTION.

Kensington, Dec. 15, 1874.

In an advertisement in last week's Athenœum, headed as above, Mr. E. White, of King Street, St. James's, with the authority of Mr. Linnell himself, cautions the public as to five spurious pictures self, cautions the public as to five spurious pictures purporting to be by that painter, and which are now in circulation. These Mr. White characterizes as "vile copies, and the signatures forged." Mr. White's advertisement is not very clearly worded, but the last paragraph implies that the five original pictures of which "vile copies" are in circulation have left Mr. Linnell's easel since 1st October, 1871, and have all been purchased by him. If this be so, one of the originals would appear to be realized since I have had in my possession for this be so, one of the originals would appear to be a replica, since I have had in my possession for more than twenty-five years 'A Piping Shepherd,' an undoubted original, by Linnell. It is smaller than the pictures described, being 2 ft. by 1 ft. 6 in. on panel. It came into my hands direct from the original purchaser. Since that time it certainly has never been copied. We ought all to be thankful to Mr. White for exposing these forgeries—of late too common. But as the description of the whice's of such forcers will lobtain a wide circulalate too common. But as the description of the subjects of such forgery will obtain a wide circulation in your valuable paper, I venture, in the interest of my own picture (which I highly prize, and for which I paid a large price), to claim its priority even to the original work which belonged to Mr. White.

RICHARD REDGRAVE.

Fine-Art Gossip,

Messes Colnaghi & Co., whose publications of engravings after Reynolds, including 'Innocence,' 'Penelope Boothby,' and 'Pig-a-back,' we lately reviewed, intend to issue shortly,—the plates are in the hands of Mr. S. Cousins,—'Simplicity' (Miss Gwatkin), 'Miss Bowles,' and 'Lady Caroline Montagu.' Thus, within a year or two, not fewer than seven capital engravings, for we must add 'The Strawberry Girl' to the list, will have been made anew from Sir Joshua's gems.

THE National Gallery (British School), South Kensington, has just received interesting additions by the bequest of the late Mrs. T. S. Good, of three pictures by her husband, a noteworthy artist, three pictures by her husband, a noteworthy artist, who ceased to paint more than thirty years ago, and yet had, before that time, attained some reputation, but not, however, it must be admitted, so much as he deserved. T. S. Good fell out of memory a quarter of a century since, but his works occur in private galleries, as at Cassiobury, where there is a picture of two old men examining the hilt of a sword, a cottage interior in strong sunlight, marked by admirable yet rather hard modelling hilt of a sword, a cottage interior in strong sunlight, marked by admirable yet rather hard modelling and intense characterization. At Alnwick is a picture of a sawyer sleeping in the sun. The Earl of Lonsdale has, at Lowther Castle, 'Smugglers,' seated, a cliff scene, with strong character, by the same. There was, in the Vernon gift, a picture by Good already at South Kensington; the new works are 'A Fisherman with a Gun,' 'No News,' and 'Study of a Ron'.' Study of a Boy.'

A PORTRAIT of Cardinal Richelieu, by Rigaud, half-length, has been added to the National Gallery. It is placed in a bad light, in the once well-known Octagon Room, which of old belonged to the Royal Academy.

An exhibition of modern pictures, comprising a considerable number of interesting examples, with, it must be admitted, a good deal of trash, was opened in the Royal Pavilion Gallery, Brighton, on the 4th instant.

prepared for publication, and though the literary portion of it is said to have been of no great value, it contained many particulars of the artist which one would be glad to consult. A Correspondent, 'S. T. M.'s,' query respecting these drawings, which appeared in Notes and Queries of the 10th of October, has not yet elicited any reply."

Ir is reported the Duke of Bedford has directed that Bedford Square shall be re-arranged, and, in part, re-planted. And we learn the news not without alarm, for, although there can be no doubt of the good judgment of His Grace, both in ordering the contraction and is his shoice of a condensure. ing the operations and in his choice of a gardener. ing the operations and in his choice of a gardener, yet modern taste indulges in so many vagaries that we feel anxious about some very fine and elegant trees which distinguish Bedford Square, especially on the east side. What the place wants, as it seems to us, is to be raised by two or three feet, and to be planted with richly coloured flowers, not such as have delicate, still less pallid, blooms. There is no room for architecture, alcoves, statues, balustrades, and the like, in Bedford Square, and we pray that the trees may be let alone. he let alone

WE have to record the death of Mr. Benjamin Bond Cabbell, one of the most active and genial members of the Artists' Benevolent Fund. He be-came one of the committee of that serviceable body came one of the committee of that serviceable body in 1824, and took an active part in obtaining the charter for incorporating the society. Mr. Cabbell was born in 1781, i.e., when Turner was six years old; he was educated at Westminster School and Exeter College, Oxford; he became a Bencher of the Middle Temple, and was successively M.P. for St. Albans and Boston. Besides the artistic besides the artistic contents. charity above-named, he was actively concerned in many such societies. There is a capital portrait of him, after a sketch by Mulready, engraved by Gibbons, in John Pye's 'Patronage of British Art,'

THE French journals announce the death, on the 3rd instant, of M. A. E. Rousseaux, the able engraver, and pupil of M. Henriquel-Dupont, who engraved A. Scheffer's 'Christ and St. John' in a style which was considerably more valuable than a style which was considerably more valuable than that of the picture, and by means of it M. Rousseaux achieved reputation. He reproduced, for the Société Française de Gravure, 'La Poésie' and 'La Renommée et la Vérité,' after Correggio. Delaroche's 'Martyre Chrétienne' and the 'Vierge et l'Enfant Jésus,' by M. Hébert, were also subjects of his heir. of his burin.

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It appears that glass placed before pictures may, under certain circumstances, effectually preserve them against fire: of this a remarkable instance occurred at the burning of Woodfield House, Streatham. In this building, Mr. Wallis's picture, 'The Stonebreaker,' was deposited with others, and, being glazed, escaped without the slightest injury; while other works, unglazed, surrounding it, were scorched, blistered, or utterly destroyed.

A STATUE to Auber is to be erected in one of the public places of Caen, by subscription, aided by funds of the Société des Beaux-Arts, the Conseil Général, and the town.

THE buildings for the new Academy of the Fine Arts at Vienna are now nearly completed.

Arts at Vienna are now nearly completed.

We have received from Messrs. Cassell & Co. 'Studies in Design for House Decorators, Designers and Manufacturers,' the first part of a work comprising specimens of decorative design of a tolerably good character, and in the mode of Mr. Owen Jones. So far as the principles laid down by the last-named authority are applicable, the works before us, which illustrate them, are satisfactory; but the application of these principles is limited, and the art of applying them in decorative design is scientific rather than artistic in its nature; the result is, therefore, mechanical; and, however ingenious and selfon the 4th instant.

Mr. Thoms, who is preparing a new edition of the curious and now very rare 'Memoir of J. T. Serres, late Marine Painter to His Majesty, by a Friend,' with notes, the unpublished autobiographic will, and other documents from the originals now in his possession, has forwarded to us the following inquiry:—"Can any of the artloring and art-learned readers of the Athenœum say who was the friend by whom the 'Memoir of Serres' was written, or where the series of drawings made by Serres during his visit to Scotland in 1808 is now deposited? The work had been at tolerably good character, and in the mode of Mr. Owen Jones. So far as the principles laid down by the last-named authority are applicable, the works before us, which illustrate them, are satisfactory; but the application of these principles is limited, and the art of applying them in decorative design is scientific rather than artistic in its nature; the result is, therefore, mechanical; and, however ingenious and self-consistent the patterns produced may be, they pall on one and lose their attraction when they ings made by Serres during his visit to Scotland in 1808 is now deposited? The work had been

ful admirer of Mr. Owen Jones. An exceptional ful admirer of Mr. Owen Jones. An exceptional design in the collection before us, where the principles in question have been, if not unconsciously, at least cleverly disguised, is in conception very feelish indeed, and in execution simply ugly. This foolish indeed, and in execution simply ugly. This work may improve, and, when it is complete, we hope to be able to commend it as a whole.

MUSIC

HANDEL'S 'SOLOMON.'

Every Handelian must rejoice at the revival of Handel's oratorio, 'Solomon,' by the Sacred Harmonic Society. Although it is one of the latest works of the "Briareus" of sacred music, having been composed in 1748, when he was in his sixty-third year, it is equal in choral grandeur and in third year, it is equal in choral grandeur and in poetic and picturesque tone-painting to any numbers in any one of his former productions; the score contains dramatic setting of the highest order. For breadth and colossal effects, the double choruses have never been surpassed even by Handel himself; it is so voiced for the masses that the self; it is so voiced for the masses that the sensations from the forcible passages are really stupendous. But the drawback to 'Solomon' has been the badness of the book, the authorship of which is a disputed point; but, if the Rev. Dr. Morell concocted the words, as it has been asserted, he never perpetrated greater trash. The scenario or argument is badly laid out. The first part, the Piety of Solomon, as shown in the ceremonial of the dedication of the Temple, would have been appropriate if the poetic effusions had been confined to Jehovah's praise, although objections could be taken to the language of the High Priest about his "sacred raptures," his "warm enthusiastic fires," his "panting bosom," and his "ravished soul." This rhapsody Solomon might have sung, but not Zadok, who, having an eye to ecclesiastical promotion, declaims artfully:—

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Search round the world, there never yet was seen
So wise a monarch, or so chaste a Queen.

In the great scene, "The Judgment of Solomon,"
is centered the interest of the oratorio from the
Scriptural point of view; but there is a touch of
the late Mr. Fitzball in the melo-dramatic style
in which Solomon orders the two women to be ushered in :-

ushered in :—

Admit them straight, for when we mount the throne
Our hours are all the people's, not our own.

After Solomon's decision, the fulsomeness is renewed in the praises of Israel's ruler. In Part the
Third there is the visit of the Queen of Sheba to
Solomon, which M. Gounod unfortunately selected
for his grand opera, 'L1 Reine de Saba,' in Paris,
in 1862. Solomon welcomes the lady from the
'spricy shores' in words almost as estatic as "spicy shores" in words almost as ecstatic as Zadok's:—

Zadok's:—

Thrice welcome Queen! with open arms
Our court receives thee and thy charms.

The genius of Handel has triumphed over
the bombast and bathos of his poet; but in
the setting there are mistakes, the leading one
being the assignment of the music of Solomon to
a contralto. No doubt Handel was tempted
thus to assign it by the fine voice and style
of Signora Galli, who sang the part at Covent
Garden Theatre at the three performances of the
oratorio in 1749; but for a female Solomon
to adjudicate between two women about the
maternal claim for a child mars the dramatic effect
of the judgment-scene, and even the great skill of of the judgment-scene, and even the great skill of the mastermind cannot redeem this radical error. the mastermind cannot redeem this radical error. The bass part in 'Solomon' is insignificant; it is confined to one air. There are three soprano parts, those of the Queen, the First Woman, and the Queen of Sheba, which are generally "trebled" by one singer, because Signora Frasi, the original artist in the Covent Garden cast, did the same; but it would be more artistic and effective to allot them to three vocalists. The Courtier High Priest, Zadok, falls to the tenor, and heavy work it would be if the original sixty-two numbers in the score were not now reduced to about forty pieces. Handel has taxed the contralto and the tenor too heavily. His 'Solomon' and some of his other oratorios show the absurdity of

the position taken up by "purists" that we should rigidly adhere to the texts of composers. If it had not been for the kindred genius of Mozart being displayed in the additional accompaniments to the 'Messiah,' even that now immortal inspira-tion would have disappeared from the oratorio world. Handel never contemplated the improvements which have been made in orchestration. is also very doubtful whether he cared much to trust his instrumental undercurrent to the executants of his period. Hence it was that he himself was the band by means of his organ improvisa-tions, no record of which have reached us. To adhere to Handel's intentions in this age would be folly. The experiment has been tried and was a signal failure. Mendelssohn followed in the wake of Mozart by writing parts for the wind instruments, for the organ, and for strengthening the stringed. Sir Michael Costa has composed orchestral parts for 'Israel in Egypt,' for 'Samson' and for 'Solomon,' that is, by the organ of the offsets supposed by Hodge. he has enhanced the effects purposed by Handel. Such combinations vivify the mere outline-the simple sketch; they add, in fact, flesh and blood to the skeleton. Without such additions by masterly simple sketch; they add, in fact, flesh and blood to the skeleton. Without such additions by masterly hands, the Handelian oratorios would soon be extinct. Despite the ungrateful nature of the libretto of 'Solomon,' it ought to be heard more frequently than it has been of late years. It was given twice in 1859, when the solo singers were the late Miss Catherine Hayes, Madame Weiss, Miss Dolby, Mr. Montem Smith, and Mr. L. Thomas. The next year it was played once with Madame Lemmens, Miss Banks, Madame Sainton-Dolby, and the same male singers as in 1859. The Crystal Palace Handel Festival of 1862 having Crystal Palace Handel Festival of 1862 having included some of the finest choruses on the miscellaneous morning, the Society performed the mascellaneous morning, the Society performed the oratorio in its entirety as a preliminary trial, the singers being Miss Louisa Pyne (Madame Bodda), Miss Banks, Madame Patey, Messrs. M. Smith and L. Thomas. After 1862, 'Solomon's' score slumbered in the library of the Society until 1870; when Sir Michael Costa presented the institution with a MS. copy of his additional the institution with a MS. copy of his additional accompaniments, inclusive of a part for the organ. The performance of the oratorio with this new instrumentation on the 11th of April, vocalists were Miss E. Wynne, Miss G. Vinta, Madame Patey, Mr. Vernon Rigby, and Mr. Lewis Thomas. The revival in March, 1872, was again a great success, with the same cast as two seasons before, except that Mr. Patey took the place of Mr. L. Thomas. And now, in 1874, 'Solomon' re-appears in the répertoire, of which it ought to be an annual. Again was admiration excited at the marvellous displays of choral power in "From the censer," "Swell the full chorus," and "Praise the Lord"; of fanciful imagery in the "May no rash intruder" (encored), the Nightingale Chorus as it has been termed; and of martial and jubilant strains in "Your harps and cymbals raise." The episode of the musical serenade to Queen Sheba is a cantata of itself.

The solo parts, if not sung with any extraordinary expression as regards the dramatic situations, were carefully done. To Miss Edith Wynne was assigned the music of Solomon's Queen and of the First Woman; Mrs. Suter had the Queen of Sheba and the Second Woman; and Madame Patey's fine voice was heard as Solomon; the only bass solo fell to Mr. Thurley Beale, who sang steadily the Levite's air, "Praise ye the Lord"; and Mr. Henry Guy, at a very short notice and without rehearsal with chorus and orchestra, really distinguished himself in the air, "Sacred raptures," of Zadok, the recitative of the attendant, "See the tall palm," and "Golden columns," of the High Priest. The organ part was played with judgment by Mr. Willing. Sir Michael Costa's difficult task of keeping together a large body of choralists to whom the music of 'Solomon' is not familiar, and of colouring his own masterly instrumentation, was achieved with his habitual self-possession and careful command over all the forces. Barring

some slight deficiencies, certainly not worth specifying, the *ensemble* of the execution reflected the highest credit both on amateurs and professors and was worthy of the Society's fame for efficiency.

MADAME NILSBON AND THE GRAND OPÉRA.

WE are requested by a Correspondent who writes from Moscow (December 9th), and who is in a position to be well acquainted with the facts connected with the engagement of Madame Christine Nilsson, to perform at the Grand Opéra in Paris, to publish the subjoined statement:—
"In the month of June last, M. Halanzier went

to London to propose to Madame Nilsson, 'l'hon-neur' to open the new Grand Opera-house—the number of her performances to be twelve, and the operas she should play in, to be 'Hamlet' and 'Faust,' —'Hamlet' to be given on the inauguration night. Then came the question of payments. M. Halan-zier begged Madame Nilsson not to increase the terms she had received when formerly engaged, and to take into consideration that it was the opening of a great National Institution,-that she was by education, as she really was by marriage, a Frenchwoman,-that by acceding to his request she would render a great service to one whom she esteemed, and one whose work, 'Hamlet,' had been the means of enhancing her celebrity as an artiste,—and that if he paid her more than she had already received, he would destroy some of the traditional customs of the Grand Opéra, which he had pledged himself not to do. To accept M. Halanzier's offer, Madame Nilsson had to refuse an engagement for the whole season in Russia, and accept for only half the term, losing 125,000 francs. As the money value of M. Halanzier's offer was 18,000 francs, there was a loss of 107,000 francs. With the consent and desire of her husband, M. Rouzeaud, she decided on Paris, with the loss of 107,000 francs, a further loss of concerts and opera representations offered her for England and the Continent during the month of September. She incurred the latter loss, because she decided to remain at Paris for some time to study the two parts, as she had not sung in French during the last six years. Nothing further was heard of the affair until about three weeks ago, when Madame Nilsson received a communication, unofficial, to the effect that there would be objections raised to giving Hamlet' on the opening night; that there were various interests to be consulted; that she would be asked to play two acts of 'Faust' and two acts of 'Hamlet,' which would form part of a représentation coupée. To that Madame Nilsson replied that she was ready to play the part either of Ophelia or of Marguerite, but either opera must be given in its entirety; that she had refused upon principle during some time to take part in such arrangements, and would not consent now. ten days ago, M. Halanzier gave signs of life. He telegraphed to beg Madame Nilsson to play in two acts of 'Hamlet,' saying that there were objections to the opera, and that he could not give 'Faust' because he was not ready with the scenery.
Again Madame Nilsson replied that she would not take part in any such programme; that if he could not give either of the operas he had engaged her to sing in she would not embarrass him in any way, and should ask that the contract be annulled, pur et simple."

Our Correspondent makes no comments on the above statement of facts, but adds, that letters and telegrams will be sent, if necessary, to confirm his narrative.

Since the above was in type, our Moscow Correspondent telegraphs to us, on Thursday, the 17th, as follows: "Nilsson will open Grand Opéra by request of French Government."

CONCERTS.

HERE RAFF'S "Rhapsodie" for orchestra, 'Evening,' Op. 163b, was originally a pianoforte piece, which he has scored; but the Sydenham subscribers on the 12th did not exhibit much interest in the work, which is dreamy, but dull also. Coming after the excitement produced by

his 'Lenore' symphony, the gloom of the 'Evening' infected the hearers. Madame Lemmens is to be thanked for introducing two of Rubinstein's Persian Songs, both having reference to the worship of the Golden Sun. Miss Grace Sherrington accompanied her sister. The vocal music of the famous pianist will gain on rehearing. Schubert's Symphony in c, No. 9, Mendelssohn's overture, 'The Calm Sea and the Prosperous Voyage,' and Herr Wagner's stirring prelude to his early opera, 'Rienzi,' were the other instrumental items. Madame Patey sang M. Gounod's charming 'Berceuse' with delicacy and refinement. Weber's scena, 'Non Paventar,' ought not to have "Ines de Castro" attached to the words in the programme. He wrote no such opera. The opera of that name was composed by Capellmeister Bernard Anselm Weber, of Berlin, no relation to the composer of the 'Freischütz.' Carl Weber composed the scena for a prima donna who interpolated the air in the work of Bernard Weber, a musician of some note, by the way, for he wrote incidental music to the principal plays of Schiller and Kotzebue. Madame Lemmens sang the 'Non Paventar' cleverly. The band of Mr. Manns was in better form than at any previous concert, and full justice was done to Schubert's Symphony, which is a great favourite at the Palace.

Madame Norman-Néruda's delicate and finished fiddling was exemplified at the Monday Popular Concerts in a Sonata da Camera, in a minor, by the old Italian violinist, Pietro Locatelli, of the eighteenth century. As this piece was accepted as classical by Herr David, of Leipzig, its introduction in the répertoire here is quite justified. The lady performer was to have joined Mr. Halle in the Beethoven Kreutzer Sonata, but was suddenly indisposed, and the pianist substituted Beethoven's Sonata, Op. 28, in D major. Mr. Cummings sang Handel's "Waft her, angels," and Schubert's "Ave Maria," in place of Mr. Sims Reeves. The advantage of being a good musician is shown in the case of Mr. Cummings, who, at the shortest notice, can sing music, sacred or secular, of all schools, like a true and conscientious

artist as he is.

The Albert Hall concerts have dwindled down to the proportions of Promenade Concerts. A distinctive character is given now to each programme by the designations of "Scotch," "Irish," "Welsh," and "English" Nights, and, if the scheme be classical, there are "Beethoven," "Mendelssohn" Nights, &c. The Shilling which Jullien used to boast was his mainstay has been judiciously combined with return railway fares to and from South Kensington. But Shilling concerts can claim no elevated attributes artistically: hearers must be content with hurried and imperfect execution of great works, be they sacred or secular; and the ballad will predominate, for publishers must live. The 'Messiah' was announced for Thursday, with Madame Sinico-Campobello, the Misses Spiller and Sterling Mr. Sims Reeves, and Mr. Whitney.

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At the third of the Musical Evenings of classical chamber compositions in St. George's Hall, the programme comprised the two string Quartets, Mozart's in D, No. 7, and Herr Brahms's in A minor, No. 2, Op. 51, together with Beethoven's Trio in B flat, Op. 97, for piano, violin, and violoncello. The usual practised players, Messrs. Holmes, Betjemann, Amor and Signor Pezze, formed the quartet party; and Mr. E. H. Thorne was the pianist. He selected for his solo Chopin's Nocturne in g minor. Miss Emrick was the vocalist, a contralto with power, who aims at sensational singing, as in Signor Pinsuti's 'Raft.'

Musical Sossip.

THE last of the Saturday Concerts before Christmas at the Crystal Palace will take place this afternoon (the 19th inst.), when the oratorio 'Hagar,' by the Rev. Sir F. A. G. Ouseley, Bart, the Oxford Professor of Music, will be performed for the first time at Sydenham. The work was produced at the Hereford Three-Choir Festival on the 11th of September, 1873, with Mdlle, Tietjens,

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Madame Trebelli-Bettini, Miss Edith Wynne, Mr. Cummings, and Mr. Santley as the solo singers.

THE final Saturday Popular Concert before the new year will be given this afternoon (Saturday), in St. James's Hall. Dr. Von Bülow will be the pianist. Next Wednesday he will give a recital, with the co-operation of M. Sainton, violin; M. Lasserre, violoncello; and Miss Julia Wigan,

THE forty-third annual Christmas performance by the Sacred Harmonic Society of Handel's 'Messiah' took place last night, in Exeter Hall, with Sir Michael Costa, conductor. The solo singers announced were, Mdlle. Enequist, Miss Sterling, Mr. Lloyd, and Mr. Whitney.

Two National Concerts are announced to take place next Saturday, morning and evening, at the Royal Albert Hall, being Boxing-Day.

This will be a memorable day, but not a red-letter one, in musical annals. This evening, the 19th of December, 1874, at the Hanover Square Rooms, will be given the final concert that will take place within the time-honoured hall. The lessee, Mr. Cocks, has disposed of his interest in the edifice, and has granted the use thereof to the Royal Academy of Music for a choral and orchestral concert. The building will be converted into a club-house.

THE late Mr. John Mitchell, who died on the 11th inst., in his sixty-eighth year, has been described as a "Theatrical Agent." He was more than that; he ought to have been designated an "Opera Capitalist," for, without his financial aid, the Royal Italian Opera and Her Majesty's Opera would have, indeed, fared badly. He was not merely a speculator in boxes and stalls, but not merely a speculator in boxes and stalls, but in moments of pressure, he assisted Impresarios. So far back as 1835 he started opera-buffa at the Lyceum Theatre, with Sir Julius Benedict as musical director and conductor. For years he was the active manager of the French plays at the St. James's Theatre, where he imported Rachel. He gave up the direction of the French plays at the desire of his wife, expressed on her death-bed. In 1846, Signori Persiani and Galetti, the capitalists in the founding of the Roval Italian Opera, offered Mr. Mitchell the Royal Italian Opera, offered Mr. Mitchell the management, but he declined the tempting pro-posal, and the late Mr. Frederick Beale was then nominated the acting manager, with Sir Michael Costa as musical director and conductor. Mr. Mitchell was frequently pressed to take the management of Her Majesty's Theatre, and when that establishment closed, to be at the head of a new Italian Opera-house, combining national opera therewith. As Mr. Mitchell kept a diary, his notes would be most interesting, not only as regards operatic and dramatic events, but because his position as a publisher and as a librarian brought him into close contact with the Queen and the Royal Family, and many members of the "Upper Ten." And to his credit be it recorded, that although he raised himself from the position of a shop-boy in the library of the elder Mr. Sams, a shop-boy in the library of the elder Mr. Sams, he always retained his primitive pleasant bearing. His geniality and kindness made him friends in Paris as well as in London; and he was always active in the cause of charity, whether private or public. Few men have died more respected. His last act of zeal on behalf of an artist was the organization of the Committee to present a testimonial to Sir Julius Benedict, and he lived just long enough to find that his he lived just long enough to find that his exertions were quite successful.

Ir was thought that the refusal of the Dean and Chapter of Worcester to allow the Three-Choir Festivals to be continued in the people's Cathedral was final; but whether the proposed petition to Parliament, the intended Memorial to the Queen, the determination of the Worcester Town Council no longer to attend the services in state in the Cathedral, and the daily diminution of the congregation, have combined to make the capitular body feel the consequences of their acts, we know not, but the Dean has written to Lord Hampton to ask for a conference with the stewards for 1875, and it has been agreed by them and the Municipality to suspend hostilities for the present. Perhaps the withholding of the Gloucester contribution of 400l., whereby the allowances of the Worcester widows and orphans of clergymen have been reduced, may have brought about this truce, which it is to be hoped will terminate in a treaty of peace.

A VIENNA Correspondent writes that Madame Pauline Lucca had been so successful in her repre-sentations at the Opéra Comique, in the Austrian capital, that she had been engaged to sing at the Imperial Grand Opera house, and her first character was to be Leonora in Donizetti's 'Favorita,' in German, of course, but, for some odd reason, the last act was to be sung in Italian. Mr. Adams was to be Fernando; he is called an American tenor, but he was born in Yorkshire. He sang at Covent Garden Theatre, in the English adaptation of Meyerbeer's 'Africaine.' Mr. Gye has visited Vienna, to see Signor Verdi's 'Aida,' with a view to produce it at the Royal Italian Opera next season; and it is remouved whether correctly or not we and it is rumoured, whether correctly or not we cannot say, that he has been negotiating for the return of Madame Pauline Lucca to London. It is to be hoped that this report may prove accurate.

Two débuts have taken place, with moderate success, at the Italian Opera-house in Paris, Madame Sbolgi (an odd name, assumed it is stated by a lady in society) as Azucema, in the 'Trovatore,' and Mdlle. Morio as Desdemona. Madame Maria Destin, the successor to Madame Pozzoni, was to make her first appearance as soon as she had recovered from illness. Signor Nicolini, the tenor, was to return in the course of next week.

THE unfortunate "Opéra Populaire," at the Châtelet, has been closed.

AT the first concert of the "Singverein," in Vienna, on the 15th, Herr Brahms, who was the conductor, played Beethoven's Pianoforte Concerto in E flat; the other pieces were Berlioz's 'Harold' symphony, and Herr Rubinstein's overture, 'Dimitri Donskoi.'

MADAME PATTI played Rosina in the 'Barbiere for her benefit at Moscow, and on the 20th will appear in St. Petersburg. Madame Nilsson has re-appeared in Moscow as Margherita in 'Faust,' after Madame Patti's departure.

DRAMA

CRITERION THEATRE, Regent Circus.—Spiers and Pond, Sole Proprietors.—Every Evening, at Eight (Christmas Day excepted) the new Comic Opera by Charles Lecooq. LES PRES SAINT-GERVAIS, the English Adaptation by Robert Reces, Esq. The Opera produced under the direction of Mrs. W. H. Liston. Conductor, Mr. F. Stanislaus. Frincipal Artistes: Madame Faulinc Rits, Catherine Lewis, Elorence Conneil, Loredan, Horan, Grantham, Manning. Prices of Admission: Private Boxes, from It. 1s. to 3f. 3s.; Stalls, 7s. 6d.; Dress Circle, 5s.; Pit, 3s.; Amphitheatre, Is.—Doors open at 73s; commence at 8.—Box-office open daily from Ten to Five. The Free List entirely suspended. Acting Mananger, Mr. Edward Murray.

THE SPANISH STAGE.

Two dramatic novelties, of considerable lyrical merit, have lately been produced at Madrid. One, merit, have lately been produced at Madrid. One, an historical drama, in three acts, original, and in verse, by Don Juan José Herranz, is entitled 'La Virgen de la Lorena' ('Joan of Arc'). History, tradition, the poetry of pen, brush, and chisel, have each contributed to perpetuate the memory of the hapless Maid of Orleans. The present, however, is the first occasion of this historical damsel being produced upon the Spanish storical damsel being produced upon the Spanish storical however, is the first occasion of this historical damsel being produced upon the Spanish stage. Schiller and Soumet, the one in Germany, the other at the Théâtre Français, for Rachel, have treated the same subject dramatically. Señor Herranz has worked independently of both, but remains faithful to historical facts. From the extracts printed, the work appears more of a dramatic poem, and better suited to the closet than the stage. Poetical beauties, however, are numerous, and the versification is rich and harmonious. One Madrid critic ecstatically exclaims, the state of the sta "Poetic beauties abound on every page as sands upon the shore or stars in heaven's vault." I venture to translate one passage, although it is impossible to give any idea of the soft harmonious flow of the

original. Joan is in prison alone, swallows twittering outside her window:—

Thy gladsome voice revives my fainting soul
As the first soft smile of morning light
These cold and cheerless walls.
Spring, thou wilt see to smile again,
The jorous notes of living nature welcome,
And all space, teeming with the voice of hirds,
Be glad, and echo gladness.
Sweet swallow, rambling rover, like to thee
I'd sear on wing and plough through space.
There is my nest 'mid overlasting spring,
Where summer shall not parch.

The 'Avenger's Wife' is a romantic drama, in three acts, original and in verse, by a young author, Don José Echegaray. Forty years since, in the palmy days of Breton, Dumas, and Soulié, it would have been a colossal triumph; to-day its success is doubtful.

F. W. C.

Bramatic Gossip.

The performance of the 'Trinummus' at West-minster, has, this year, been distinctly successful, the acting being, on the whole, above the average. In the Prologue there was a graceful allusion to Lady Augusta Stanley's recent illness:—

Augusta Statiley's recent itiness:—
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Spes que nos propius tangit, spes domestica,
Domina ut benigna, miserie acquiutrix bona,
Que semper mitis hisce favit ædibus,
E febre, et ab ipse mortis limine reddita,
Vitam ac salutem colligat rursus novam.

And the caricature of the new pronunciation of Latin in the Epilogue excited much merriment.

A NEW comedy, in five acts, by Mr. Albery, will be the next novelty at the Olympic Theatre.

To-NIGHT, the Holborn Amphitheatre, now under the management of Mr. John Hollingshead, will re-open with a comic opera, in three acts, entitled 'Cinderella,' to which a fourth act of pantomime will be added. The same night will witness the performance of 'The Merry Wives of Windows' to the Cinderella, Windsor' at the Gaiety.

PANTOMIME will this year be given at Drury Lane, Covent Garden, the Adelphi, and the Holborn Theatre, at the various East-End Transpontine, and outlying houses, and at the Circuses and Amphitheatres. About half the central houses will vary their programmes in honour of Christmas.

A series of Shakspearean performances has been given at Drury Lane. On Monday, 'The Merry Wives of Windsor' was produced for the benefit of Mr. Anderson, who played Falstaff; Mr. Creswick, for his benefit on Tuesday, played Hamlet; and on Wednesday, Miss Wallis, also for her benefit, re-appeared as Juliet.

The title of the new comedy of M. Louis Davyl, at the Odéon, 'La Maîtresse Légitime,' has an eighteenth-century ring, but the subject is wholly modern. André Dalesme, an inventor, has lived for years with Marthe, a woman deserted by her husband. The relationship has been equally private and happy, order, economy, and love being the gifts Marthe has brought as dower in her unconsecrated union. A time comes however. her unconsecrated union. A time comes, however, when she has to feel the insecurity of her position. André has imperative need, in order to consolidate his fortune and save himself from ruin, of one hundred thousand francs. Marriage with Geneviève, the daughter of a neighbouring merchant, but too anxious for such a union, will bring him the money he requires, wholly unobtainable, as it appears, at a less price. To save her lover's honour and her own happiness, Marthe makes efforts as frantic as unavailing. When compelled to choose between ruin and infidelity, André accepts the former. Fortunately, Geneviève learns the true state of affairs, and, as she is of age, lends her mother's fortune to our inventor, and consoles herself by espousing another of her numerous admirers. News of the death of the husband of Marthe arriving at the same time, a marriage is forthwith arranged, and the title of "Maîtresse Légitime" is exchanged for that of femme. The piece was fairly supported by Mesdames Léonide hundred thousand francs. Marriage with Geneviève, piece was fairly supported by Mesdames Léonide Leblanc and Baretta, MM. Porel, Richard, Masset and Fréville.

a success. This piece, which is in five acts and nine tableaux, proved, indeed, sufficiently interesting to render the public tolerant of its inordinate length. It is a comedy of romantic intrigue, built upon the lines of the early works of Alexandre Dumas. Cocagne, its hero, is a foster-brother of the Duc de Beaufort, known as the roi des halles, to whom he is devotedly attached. For the sake of this brother he consents to espouse a certain countess, whom he is not even to see. Jealousy of Louis the Thirteenth has brought about this marriage, which is a master-stroke of diplomacy on the part of Mazarin. After the ceremony is over, Cocagne is to be separated from his wife, the bond is to be desparated norm in whe, and the bond is to be dissolved so soon as the King, now in infirm health, is dead. Cocagne, however, catches a glimpse of his bride, and is so fascinated that he becomes intractable. The remainder of the play is occupied with his efforts to rejoin his wife. Before he is successful in this attempt he is confined in the Mont Saint-Michel, nominally as governor, but in fact as prisoner; makes an escape by means supplied him by his wife; slays a number of inveterate enemies; and organizes the first outbreak of the Fronde, the object of which is to save the Duc de Beaufort. Mise en scène and representation were both satisfactory, and the result was a success.

A NEW dramatic daily, El Eco Teatral, has appeared in Madrid, under the editorship of Don Luis Alfonso and Don Carlos Cortázar, both dramatic critics of high standing and ability.

THE latest novelties in Brussels are 'La Boule,' at the Galeries Saint-Hubert, and 'Les Dernières Grisettes,' at the Alcazar.

MISCELLANEA

Jericho.—In Nares's Glossary you will find an earlier instance of the slang use of the name "Jericho" than that which you quote in a late number of the Athenœum.

Who would to curbe such insolence I know, Bid such young boyes to stay in Jericho Untill their beards were growne, their wits more staid, Heyw. Hierarchie, B. IV. p. 208.

'The Hierarchie of the blessed Angels,' by Thomas Heywood, was published in 1635.

EDWARD PEACOCK.

Glamour.—In reference to Prof. Cowell's observation on the old Norse word glam or glamr for moon (Athenœum, Dec. 12, p. 793), Prince Louis Lucien Bonaparte informs me that the word glam for moon is not yet extinct in the modern Shetland dialect. During his stay in Shetland he obtained the word from three or four old men, who assured him that it was still used in certain phrases. The word is in the Prince's MS, Shetland Dictionary, and in Mr. Thomas Edmondstone's Shetland Vocabulary, printed by the Philological Society (London).

ALEXANDER J. ELLIS.

Gower's Epitaph .- Part of Gower's Epitaph in St. Saviour's Church, Southwark, is perpetually quoted, but scarcely ever, I believe, intelligibly.

Dr. Pauli, for instance, gives it thus:

Armigeri scutum nihil a modo fert tibi tutum;

Reddidit immolutum morti generale tributum;

Spiritus scutum regaudest esse solutum;

Est ubi virtutum regnum sine labe statutum.

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Mr. Thoms in his very useful edition of Stow's Survey, has "se gaudeat" instead of "regaudeat;" but he too prints that mysterious looking word,—
"immolutum." It does not occur to most readers
to divide the polysyllable, and recognize "immo
lutum." Thus emended, the verses contain only
one difficulty—the "a modo" of the first line. Does
that mean "from the usual manner," "from the
mode or fashion of death"? "The shield armorial brings thee no safety from the way (that all flesh must go). No, thy clay hath paid to death the universal tribute. Let thy spirit rejoice that it is uncumbered and free, where is established the spotless kingdom of the Virtues."

J. W. HALES.

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